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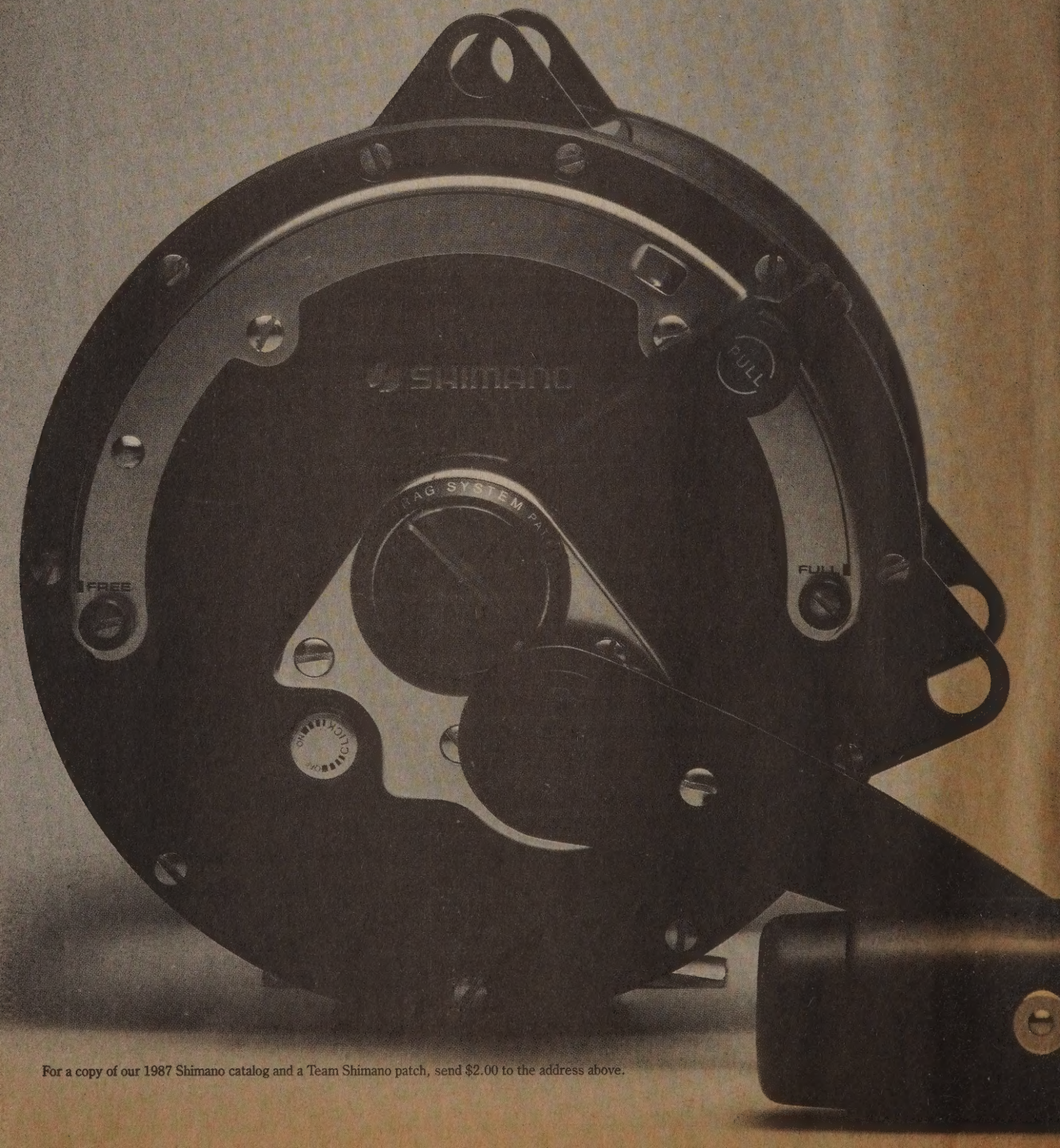

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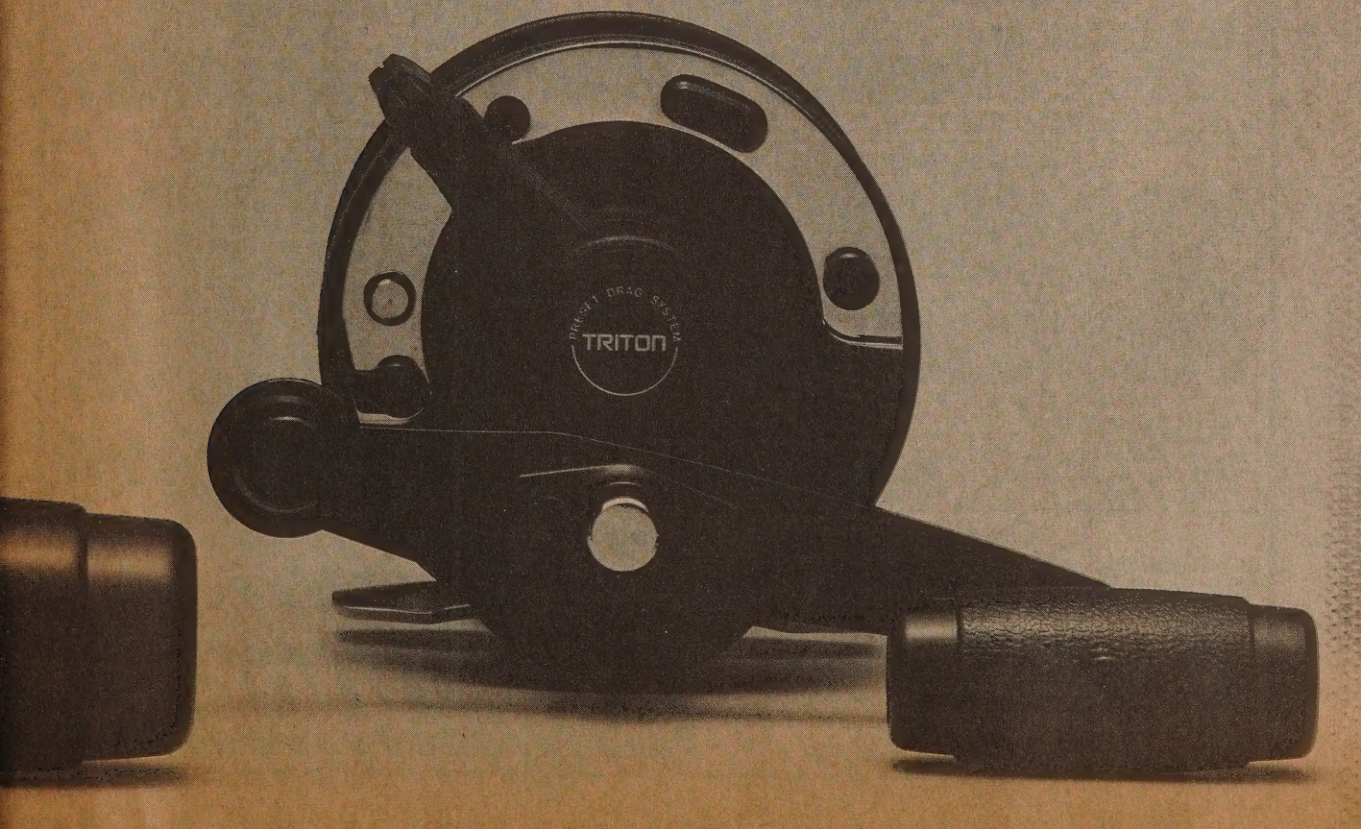

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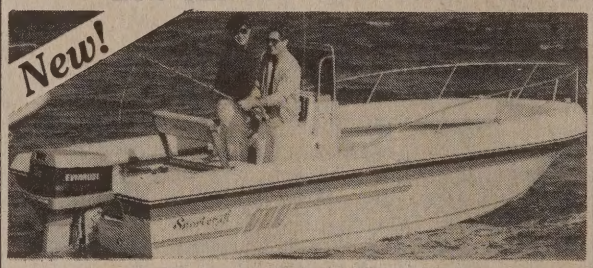

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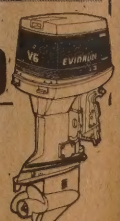

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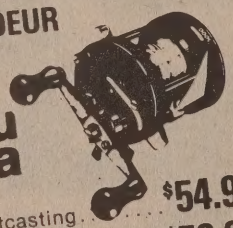

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ABOUT THE COVER:

Many Long Island and Metro area anglers will be heading for the Lake Ontario region in the weeks ahead where trophy size trout and salmon will be their target. Here, a big steelhead is led to the net on the Salmon River. For an update on this fishery, see the article on page 50. The World Fishing Expo will be camped at Rockland Community College in Suffern from February 25th through March 1st. Dick Mermon Photo.

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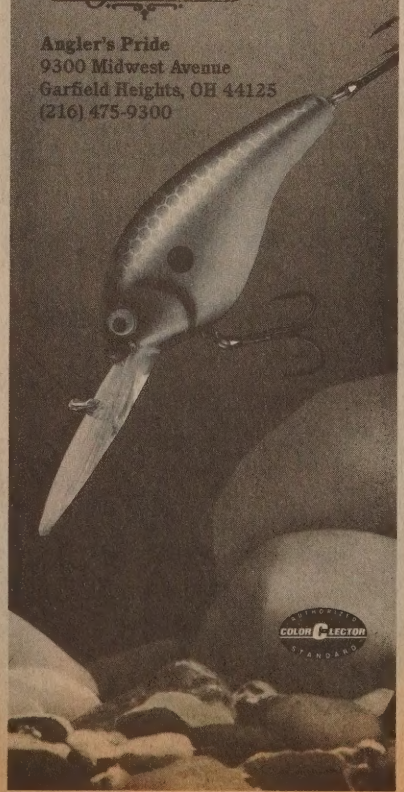

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Gerry was a diversified angler: he was as much at home on a beach casting to stripers as he was in a small boat tricking sly porgies, or on party boat heading out for cod. Few fishermen and writers can boast of such renaissance ability. He also wrote chapters for two recent books on surf fishing and party boat fishing. These chapters were true to his dedication in outdoor writing to keep it honest and simple, give it straight, and tell it all. Over the decade plus that I've worked with him, I came to know him as a friend and valued person. I recognized in him a gentle being and a warm person. He was also the consummate pro, meeting every deadline with polished copy. I'll miss him!

Some people say that no one really dies as long as they are remembered. I believe in this philosophy. Thus, there is a cadre of cherished people that no longer reside on this planet that I remember often. Gerald Hahn is added to that cadre. **Bill Muller.**

SHIPWRECK IDENTIFIED

The unidentified Fire Island Lightship wreck, was recently found to be the Freight Steamer KEnosha.

On August 13, 1986, aboard the research vessel Wahoo, a group of divers led by Captain Steve Bielenda visited the Lightship wreck. Marc Weiss surfaced with a bradd windlass cover which turned out to be the key to identifying the wreck. Engraved on the windlass cover were the words MADAGASGAR, James Davidson, American Shipbuilders Company. With this information, Dan Berg, author of Wreck Valley started to research this wreck. Although his usual channels of research showed no ship by the name of Madagasgar sinking off Long Island, Dan eventually discovered the wreck's true name. The Madagasgar, which was a 243 foot, wood hulled inland freighter built in 1894, had changed names in 1907 to Kenosha before foundering on July 24, 1909 with a crew of twelve. Thus, the true identity of this shipwreck has been identified.

For additional information on Long Island's shipwrecks, please refer to Wreck Valley: A Record of Shipwrecks off Long Island's South Shore. Copies are available for $10.95 plus $2 postage and handling, direct from the publisher. Mail your order to: Aqua Explorers, Inc., 22 Maiden Lane, Lynbrook, NY 11563. The publisher offers a money back guarantee.

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"The first phase stresses basic boating safety and consists of 6 lessons. This is followed by the second phase of 4 lessons covering such subjects as marine piloting, engines, communications and weather," he said. Upon completion of the first and second phases, participants are then eligible to enroll in the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Basic Qualifications Course which is both self-study and tutorial and also entails the demonstration of certain on-the-water proficiencies. This portion of the program normally takes 3 to 6 months for completion.

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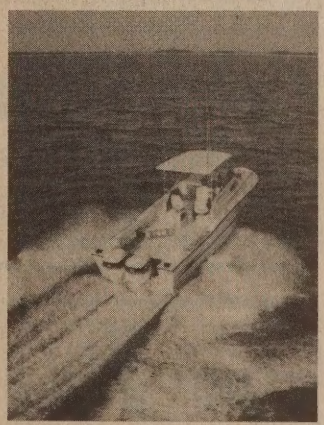

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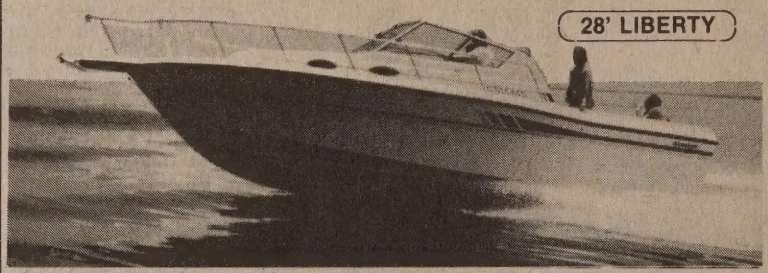

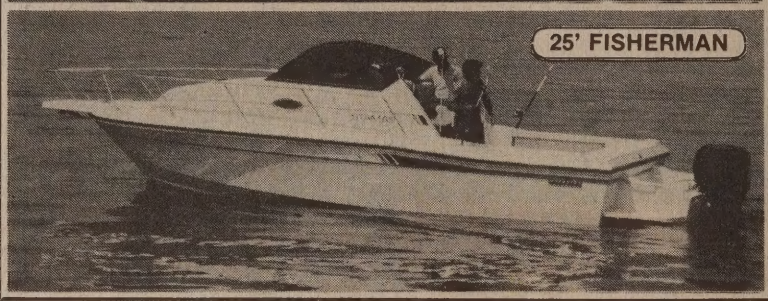

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Extremely well illustrated, the book spans 27 chapters and relies on the expertise of a dozen of the most knowledgeable party boat skippers and anglers on the Atlantic Coast to cover every aspect of the sport. Among those who contributed their vast store of knowledge to the book were Captain Al Lindroth, the "pioneer" of party boat wreck fishing on Long Island; Captain Howard Bogan, the pillar of the New Jersey part boat fleet; noted New England skipper, Captain Jerry Hill, "Mr. Party Boat' himself; Matt Ahern and veteran anglers Russ Wilson and Ken Gerhardt.

Compiled by Richard Reina and William Muller, this book will excite the novice and veteran alike. It is chock-full of all the vital how-to and includes some very special chapters on the history of the sport. Also included is an invaluable section listing ports, boats, sailing times and species sought. There are seven chapters dedicated solely to all of those species targeted by open boat anglers from Maine to DelMarVa.

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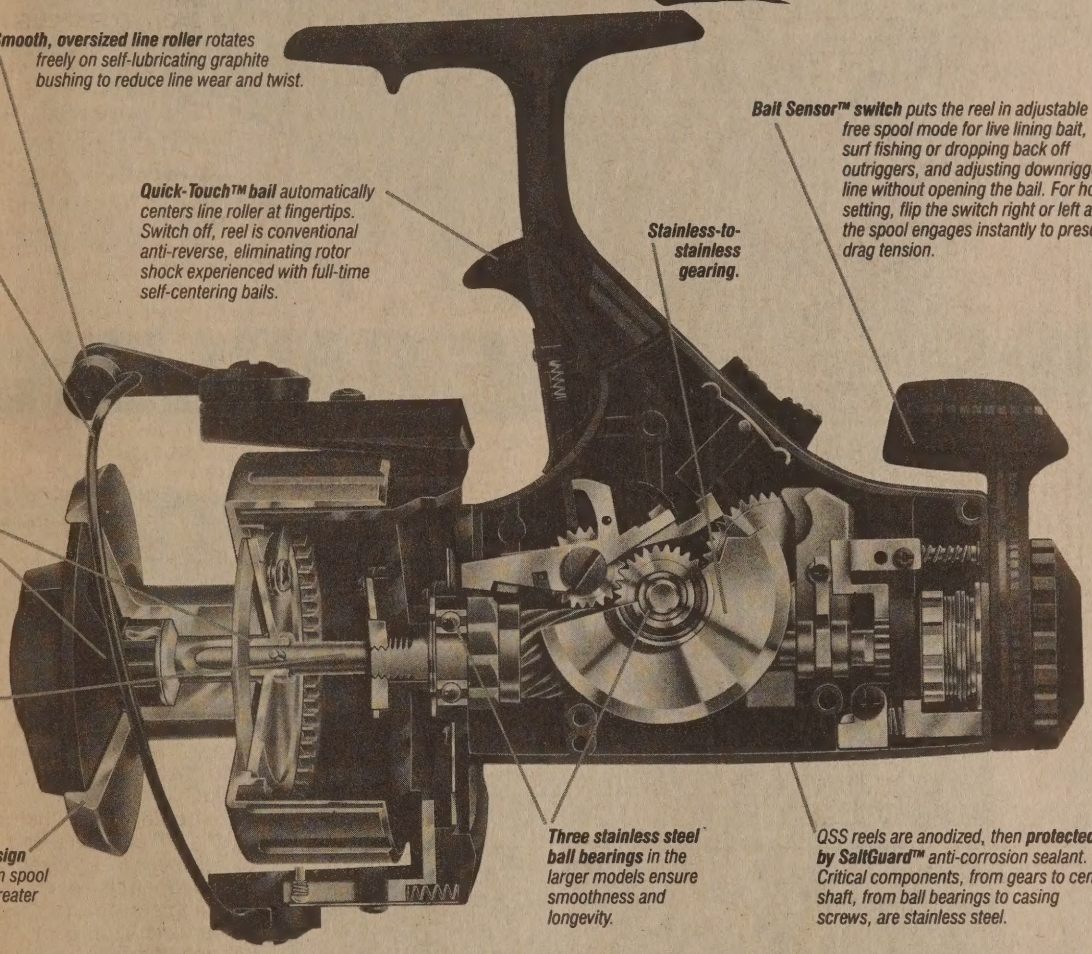

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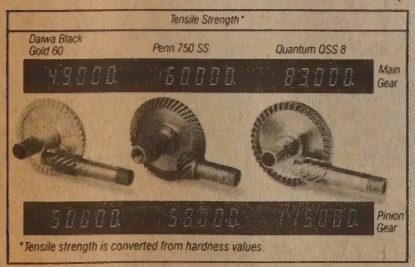

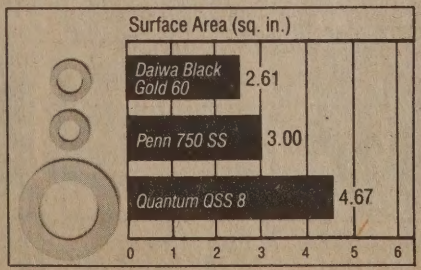

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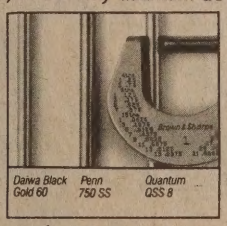

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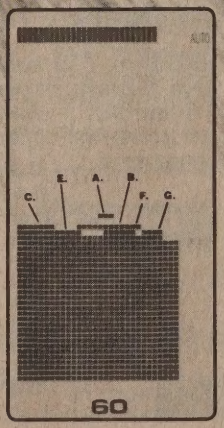

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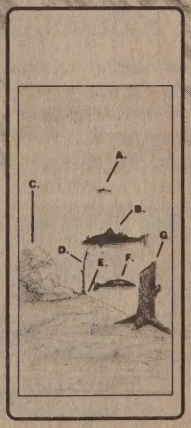

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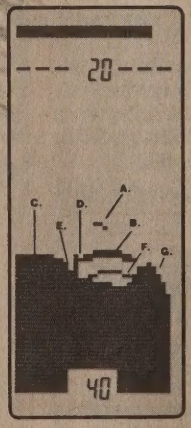

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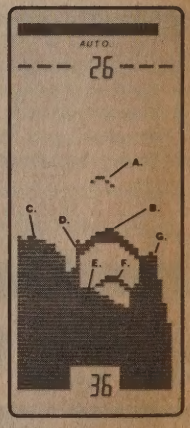

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BASIC BOATING COURSE IN NORTHPORT

Registration for the Neptune Power Squadron spring Basic Boating courses will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 8PM, Room L-201, Northport High School, Elwood Road, East Northport and Wednesday, March 4th, 8PM, Half Hollow Hills East High School, Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills.

The courses are for both adult and young boaters, given separately. Course material covers Coast Guard regulations, seamanship, charts, buoy systems, trailering and more. Certificates will be awarded to those passing the final examination. There is a nominal charge for materials. Late registration may be made the second week. For information, call 549-8693 or 586-6040 after 6PM.

ARMCHAIR SAILOR PUBLISHES FREE CATALOG OF MARINE VIDEOS

Armchair Sailor International announced this week that it has available for the asking a new, free catalog describing hundreds of marine oriented videos, possibly the largest collection currently available. The catalog can be obtained from Armchair Sailor retail stores in Sausalito, CA; Mamaroneck, NY; Newport, RI; Baltimore, MD; Destin, FL; Fort Myers, FL, and Charleston, SC.

The range of video tapes now stocked by the stores and described in the catalog covers not only sailing subjects but boat building, racing, maritime history, naval warfare, sea oriented movies such as *Captain Kidd, Lifeboat, Mutiny on the Bounty, SCUBA!, On The Beach, SOS Titanic* and more. Other categories include exploration and small craft voyaging, shipwrecks, fishing, and a wide variety of nature, oceanography and underwater exploration. This last category includes the wonderful series by Jacques Cousteau, National Geographic publications on the sharks and whales and the latest amazing footage on the discovery of the Titanic.

"We try to meet the needs of a broad section of the public who are interested in a very large subject: the sea," said Barr the director of the Armchair Sailor. "And that includes the younger set," he went on. The inventory of movies for younger viewers includes *Captain Nemo, The Adventures of Sinbad, Moby Dick, Pippi Goes on Board, Robinson Crusoe* and that wonderful classic, *The Wind in The Willows.*

Instructional tapes include everything from celestial navigation, boat maintenance, offshore racing, outdoor photography and even a tape on how to abandon ship! The Armchair Sailor Centers offer rental programs for both walk-in customers and for the special needs of those who like to order by mail. The mail order program is particularly innovative and allows a customer to keep the video for as long as a month and return it for a substantial credit against future rentals or purchases. For further information or a free catalog, call the Armchair Sailor Center nearest you or write to the Armchair Sailor International, 126 Thames St., Newport, RI 02840 or phone (401) 849-9360.

SALTWATER FISHING DISPLAYS AT WORLD FISHING AND OUTDOOR EXPOSITION

The area devoted to saltwater fishing will be increased this year at the tenth annual World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition, at Rockland Community College field house in Suffern, N.Y. The exposition runs from Wednesday through Sunday, February 25th to March 1st.

"Saltwater Row" will include the latest in big game rods, reels, components, electronics, fighting chairs and terminal tackle. Some of the manufacturers present include Penn, Newell, Shimano, Sabre and AFTCO. Both the Saltwater Fisherman and The Fisherman magazines will have information booths to assist exposition visitors with questions on all aspects of fishing the ocean.

Doors are open from 1PM to 10PM Wednesday through Friday; from 9:30AM to 8PM Saturday; and from 10AM to 7PM on Sunday. Adult admission is still only $5, with children under 12 at $2. Free parking areas have been increased and shuttle buses are available. The World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition is easy to get to: just take Exit 14B (Airmont Road) off the N.Y. Thruway (I-87). It's the first exit west of the Garden State Parkway and is only about 10 minute's drive from the Tappan Zee Bridge.

BOATING SEMINAR AT SHANE'S MARINE

On Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th, Shane's Marine will be holding an educational and informative seminar at their Babylon store located at 124 East Main Street, Babylon, New York regarding different topics of interest to the boating community. At the present time, there are four scheduled guest speakers: John Raguso, most noted for his wreck fishing series in The Fisherman magazine; Nick Karas, Newsday's fishing columnist; Bill Korbell, WOR radio head meteorologist (speaking on predicting weather at sea) and a United States Coast Guard representative addressing the responsibilities of the Coast Guard and the boater alike.

In addition to the aforementioned seminar speakers, leading industry manufacturers will be present displaying their New for 1987 equipment and will be available to answer any questions. Manufacturers represent-

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OPEN HOUSE AT GROVER'S IN FREEPORT

It will be Open House at the Grover Showroom at 195 Woodcleft Avenue, Freeport, weekends through Sunday, March 1st, with Al Sr. and Jr. presiding. Free hot dogs (steamed in beer), soda, beer, apples and apple cider will be served. You'll be able to view a mountain of motors, videos of the transatlantic, OMC products, boat rigging and OMC's latest manufacturing procedures. Don't miss seeing the fleet of Grover-Builts tied up in their slips, snoozing for the winter, right behind Grover's.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Atlantis Anglers Annual Awards Dinner was held at the Salty Bay Yacht Club in Freeport on January 31st. The food, drink and service was first class. As usual a good time was had by all.

Captains Award was won by (and this is the third year in a row) Ashley Fulton III. Ashley also won outstanding Fisherman of the Year. Runner-ups were Don Granger and Neil Rose in that order. Congratulations guys. Awards were for the largest fish of a species. Flounder, Neil Rose, 4 lbs. 4 oz.,; albacore, Don Granger, 7 lbs. even; fluke, Neil Rose, 6 lbs. 3 oz.; blackfish, Michael Wagner, 10 lbs. 4 oz.; yellowfin tuna, Ashley Fulton III, 72 lbs. even;codfish, Ashley Fulton III, 28 lbs. 15 oz.; bluefish, Ashley Fulton III, 18 lbs. 4 oz.; weakfish, Ashley Fulton III, 13 lbs. 3 oz.; black sea bass, Neil Rose, 3 lbs. 7 oz.; thresher shark, Bernard Riback, 292 lbs. even.

Associate members were also given awards for the largest fish of a species. Flounder, Steven Goodman, 2 lbs. 3 oz.; hammerhead shark, Barbara Holtz, 140 lbs. even; fluke, Judy Sternberg, 6 lbs. 1 oz.; yellowfin tuna, Brian Smith, 50 lbs. even; bluefish, Judy Sternberg, 16 lbs. 9 oz.; black sea bass, Richard Rose, 1 lb. 8 oz.; Steven Zaretsky won an award for the most unusual species with a 60 lb. wahoo. Congratulations all.

Everyone went home with a beautiful gift, thanks to the donations of many of our local merchants. We are now looking forward for 1987 to be a good fishing year, with good health to all.

There will be an open meeting on March 24th, Salty Bay Yacht Club, 180 Westside Avenue, Freeport, NY at 8PM sharp. New fishing persons are welcome.

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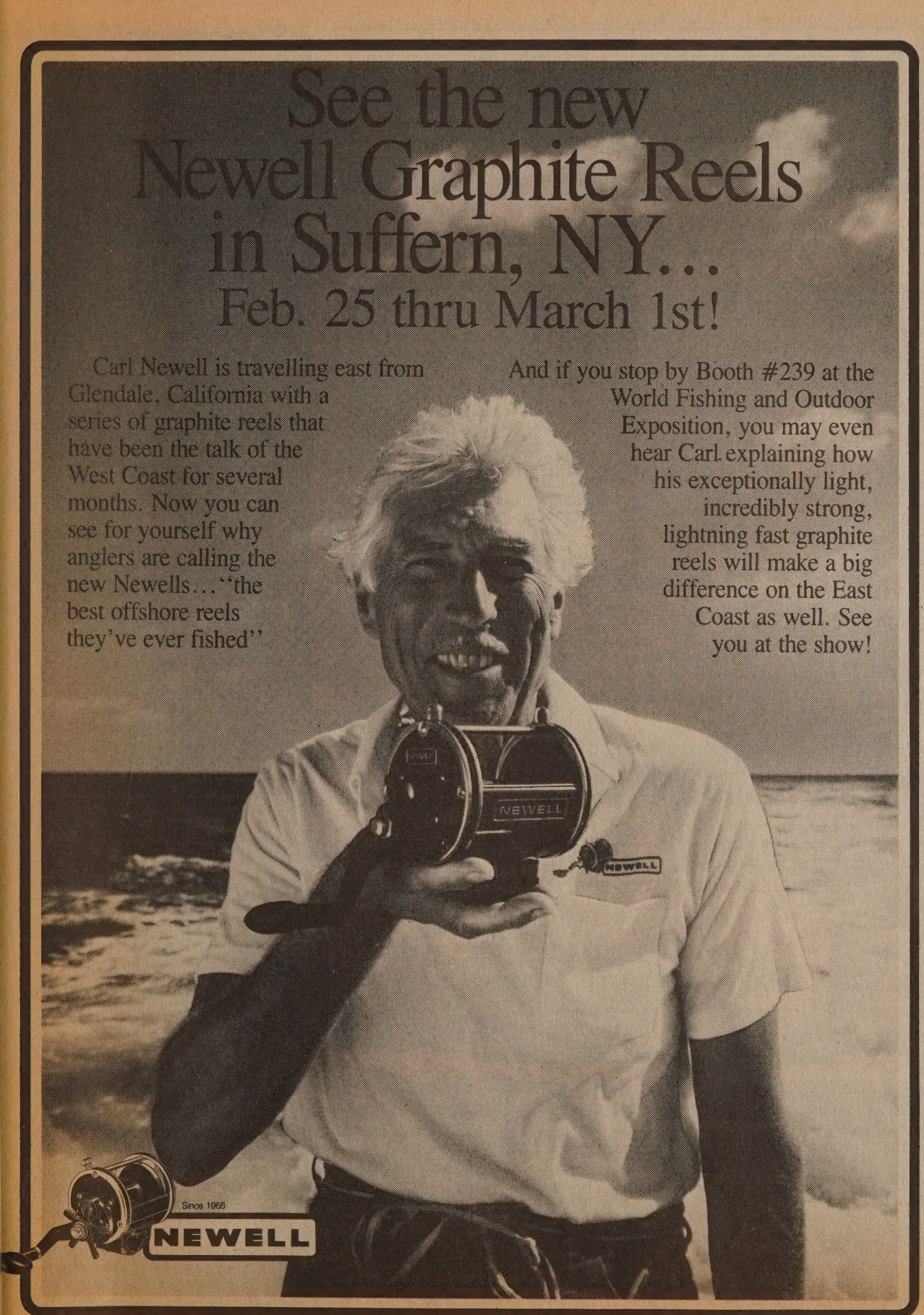

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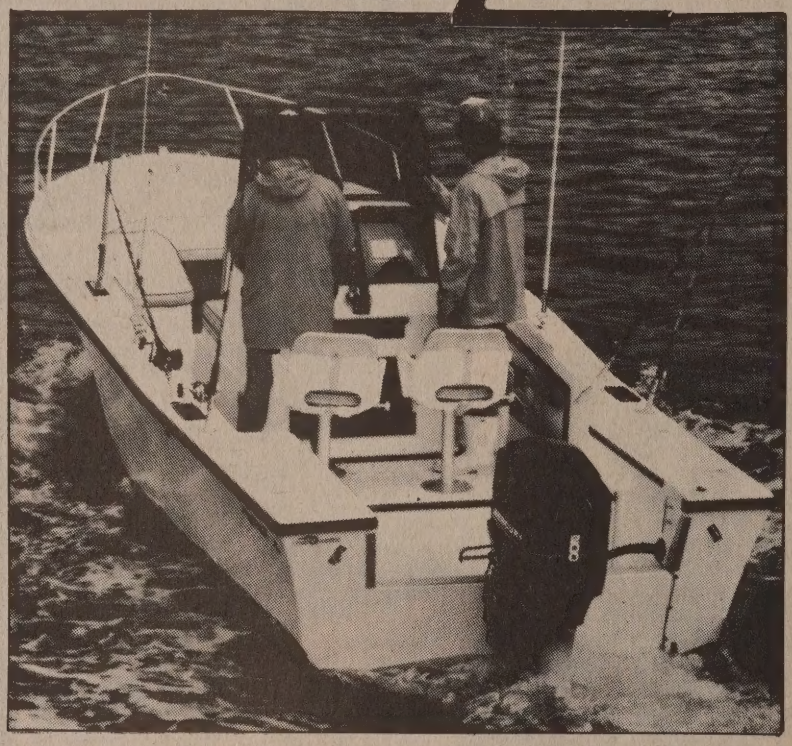

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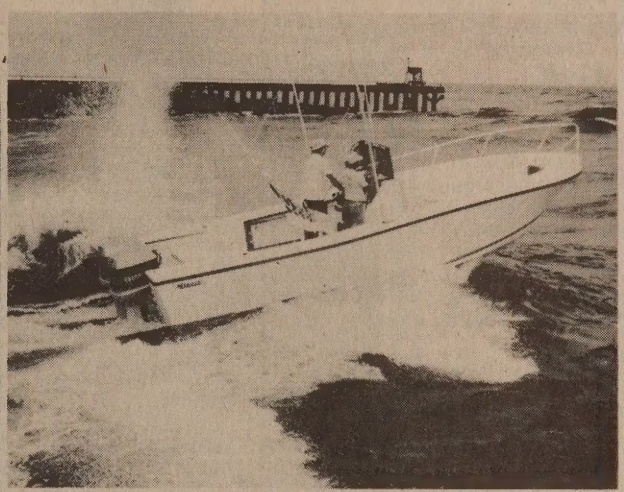

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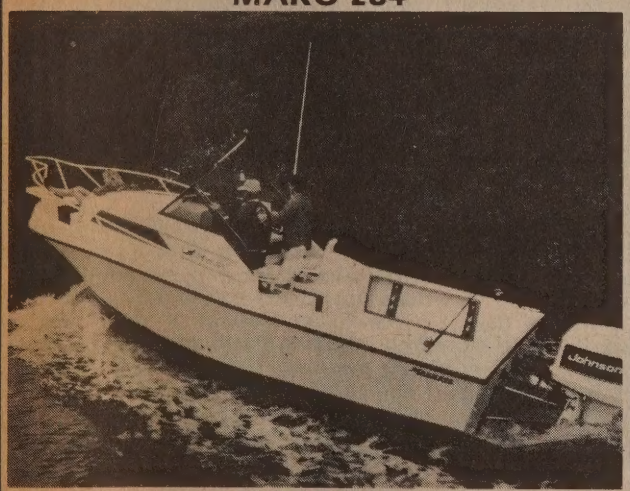

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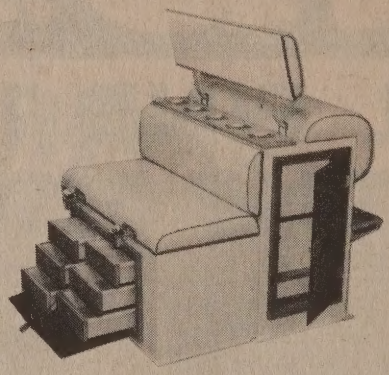

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Nautical Design, Inc. has released an all new 1987 brochure which contains recent updates to their current line of boating products of over 20 models of leaning posts, tackle cabinets, helm seats, bait prep centers and fighting chairs. All are constructed of stainless steel, teak and hand laid-up fiberglass components.

One of the newest designs this year is the *Battle Station*, a truly multifunctional addition to the center console fisherman. It provides a leaning post, back rest, rod holders, drawers, hanging lure racks, footrest, fighting gimbals, knife and pliers holder and room to seat four adults comfortably.

For more information, contact: Nautical Design, Inc., 128 Division Street, Zelienople, PA 16063; (412) 452-8611.

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Of course, the X-4 has automatic ranging. With just a touch of the "on" switch, it will automatically set its own ranges and sensitivity, track bottom and provide a constant bottom reading. Bottom zoom tracking settings also operate automatically, providing excellent resolution and exact detail of fish, structure and contour.

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For more information on the X-4 and other Lowrance products, contact the Public Relations Department, Lowrance Electronics, Inc., 12000 E. Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74128.

YAMAHA'S V6 EXCEL V6 PRODUCTION OUTBOARD

Yamaha's top of the line outboard for 1987 is its loop-charged 225 hp V6 Excel. Distinctive black and gold graphics set this outboard apart. The V6 Excel is controlled by a microcomputer that monitors operating temperature, load and fuel quality. Continuous adjustments in ignition timing are made by the computer for peak performance and smoother operation, particularly at idle. A new 8 petal reed valve design gives improved power across the entire operating range. And its 225 hp is measured at the prop, not the powerhead.

The Excel features a sleek new drag reducing gearcase, 1.8:1 gear ratio, and lower water pick-ups, allowing higher transom mounting for improved performance. An offset crankshaft firing every 60 degrees ensures smoothness at all speeds, especially at idle. The Precision Blend oil injection system includes a tachometer and oil warning lights combined into one instrument. Precision Blend varies the gas:oil ratio from 200:1 at idle to 50:1 at full throttle. The oil is injected directly into the manifold, instead of the carburetor, ensuring that right amount of lubrication reaches the cylinders on demand, rather than pre-mixing through the carburetor.

Yamaha points out that the Precision Blend system reponds to throttle position, not just engine RPM. If the boat is under a heavy load—like hauling skiers in a deep water start—the system will respond to the forward throttle position and add more oil,

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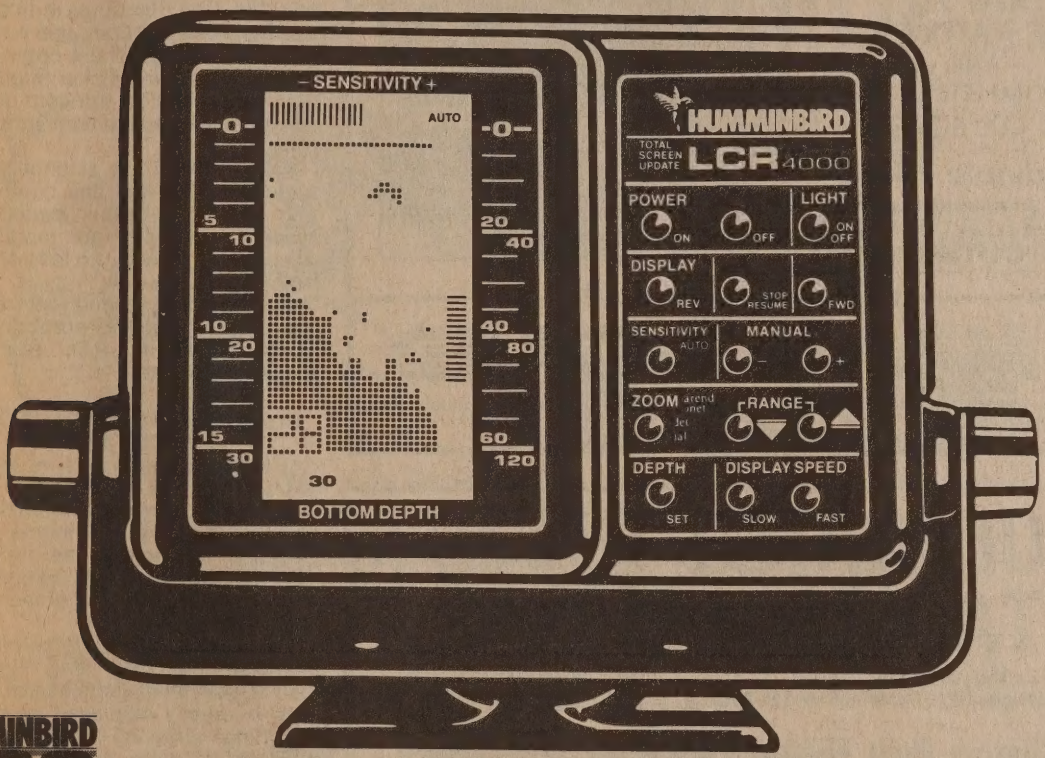

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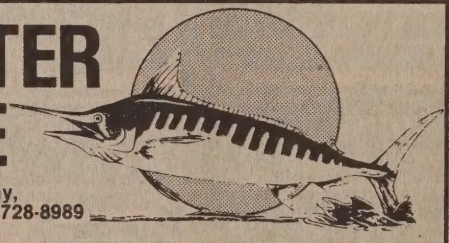

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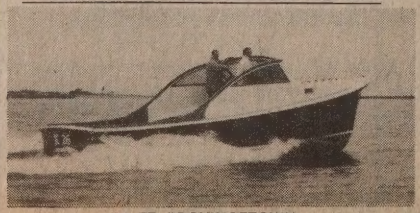

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The V6 Excel has alcohol-resistant fuel lines and fuel line components and will run on either leaded or unleaded fuel with no modification necessary and with no loss of performance.

For more information, contact Yamaha Motor Corporation USA, Marine Division, P.O. Box 6555, Cypress, CA 90630.

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Tuna Stick™ specifications and recommended Penn reels.

ROD MODEL	DESCRIPTION	BLANK COLOR	LENGTH	LINE CLASS (LBS.)	RECOMMENDED REELS
2255 AR	5 AFTCO® roller guides & tip top. AFTCO® machined aluminum reel seat.	White	5'6"	50-130	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW, 80T, 80TW, 80S, 80SW
2260 AR	6 AFTCO® roller guides & tip top. AFTCO® machined aluminum reel seat.	White	6'0"	50-130	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW
2160 ARB	6 AFTCO® roller guides & tip top. Curved AFTCO® machined aluminum Unibutt®	White	6'0"	50-80	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW
2155 USG	7 Fuji® USG silicon carbide guides & tip top. AFTCO® machined aluminum reel seat.	White	5'6"	40-100	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW
2255 USG	7 Fuji® USG silicon carbide guides & tip top. AFTCO® machined aluminum reel seat.	White	5'6"	50-130	30TW, 50T, 50TW, 50SW
3955 RCS	AFTCO® roller tip top & stripper with 6 stainless steel ring guides. Graphite reel seat with heavy duty hoods.	Gold	5'6"	30-100	113H, 113HL, 113HLW (4/0 Senator® reels), 114H, 114HL (6/0 Senator® reels), 115L (9/0 Senator®)
3960 RCS	AFTCO® roller tip top & stripper with 7 stainless steel ring guides. Graphite reel seat with heavy duty hoods.	Gold	6'0"	40-130	114H, 114HL (6/0 Senator® reels), 115L (9/0 Senator®), 116A (10/0 Senator®), 116 (12/0 Senator®)

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50TW	2255 AR, 2260 AR, 2160 ARB, 2155 USG, 2255 USG	113HLW	3955 RCS
50SW	2255 AR, 2260 AR, 2160 ARB, 2155 USG, 2255 USG	114H	3955 RCS, 3960 RCS
80T	2255 AR	114HL	3955 RCS, 3960 RCS
80TW	2255 AR	115L	3955 RCS, 3960 RCS
80S	2255 AR	116A	3960 RCS
80SW	2255 AR	116	3960 RCS

*This selector should serve only as a guide. Preferences in rod & reel combinations may vary from coast to coast. For example, West Coast long range fishermen will prefer to match the 3955 RCS or 3960 RCS rods with *International*® reels.

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The LCR 4 ID also features a myriad of advanced functions, including zoom, bottom-lock with contour indication, digital bottom readout, optional Surface Temperature Gauge, bottom alarm and much more!

For more information, contact Techsonic Industries, Inc., 3 Hummingbird Lane, Eufaula, AL 36027; (205) 687-6613.

HOLIDAY JOINS STARCRAFT LINEUP

Starcraft's 18 foot aluminum Holiday 180 joined the 1987 fishing boat lineup because anglers found the boat very trailerable, yet useful for big water situations, accordng to company officials.

"People on Lake Erie and other places where the water can get pretty rough were using the Holiday pleasure boat for fishing because of the closed bow design and its trailerability," said Jeff Olson, vice president of sales and marketing. "We took the boat and added things like rod racks to make it even better."

The Holiday 180 is rated for up to 140 hp—a feature that Starcraft hopes will appeal to fishermen with families who want to ski.

The company plans to introduce an I/O version of the fishing Holiday in the near future.

For more information, write: Starcraft, 2703 College Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

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The King Model 7200 VHF marine radio packs power and performance into a compact design that's as stylish as it is practical. The 7200 has a full range of features that guarantee high quality performance and king-size satisfaction.

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As with all King Marine products, the 7200 is as easy to operate as it is durable. The large liquid crystal display is sharp and easy to read. Lighted pushbutton controls make the radio easy to use. And because the screen and controls are completely digital, there are no moving parts to wear out.

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Killer Baits of Sacramento, California has introduced a new line of plugs specifically designed for larger freshwater game fish and saltwater toughies like bluefish, stripers, weakfish and others. They are excellent for trolling salmon in the Great Lakes in the proper sizes.

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All baits are equipped with nickle plated, spring steel split rings, 302-304 stainless steel figure 8 hook hangers and with the exception of the two smallest sizes of each style, they have No. 775 Eagle Claw 4X hooks.

For more information and availability dates of these new lures, contact: Mr. Bill Werfel, Killer Baits, Inc., 6083 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95824.

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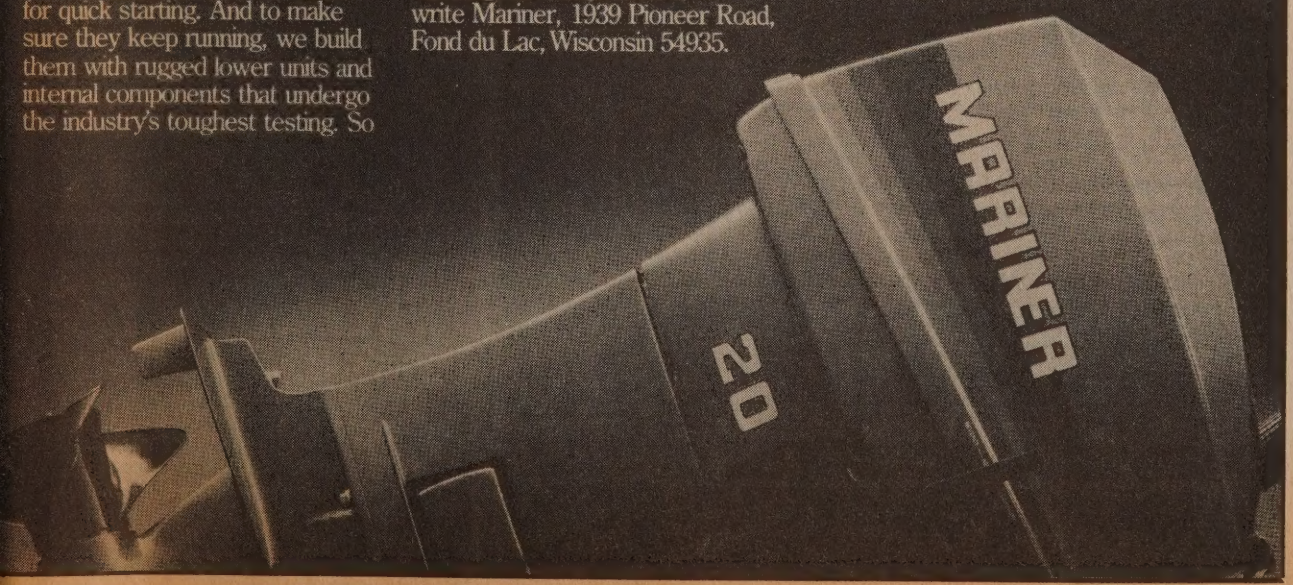

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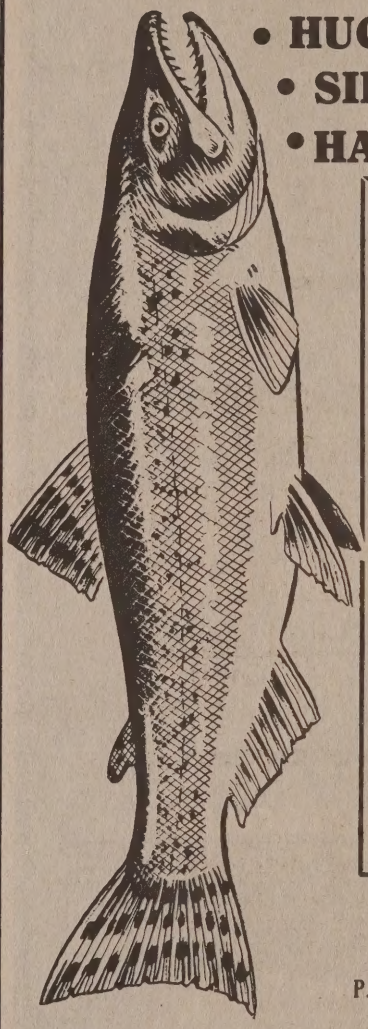

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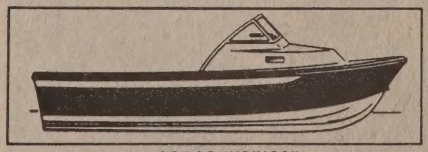

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CRUISERS INCORPORATED OFFERS THREE FISHING RIGS FOR 1987

Cruisers Incorporated's Sea Devil fishing series features a redesigned 25' trailerable model along with 29' and 26' widebodies for 1987.

Cruisers Incorporated engineers redesigned the 25's cockpit to provide a more efficient, dry and easy to clean area. The aerated live well and insulated cooler have been moved amidship, away from the action. Larger floor scuppers quickly drain excess water. And the cockpit washdown pump switch is easily accessible on an outlet panel.

The 25 also will feature an outboard model. This model will have a cutaway transom for single or dual outboard installation.

The Sea Devil 26 is virtually unchanged from 1986. It still features many big boat fishing amenities like a full sized insulated fish cooler, huge aerated live well, rod storage along the cockpit wall and inside the cabin.

Cruisers Incorporated 29' Sea Devil is the choice of fishermen who value its combination of below deck comfort and cockpit efficiency.

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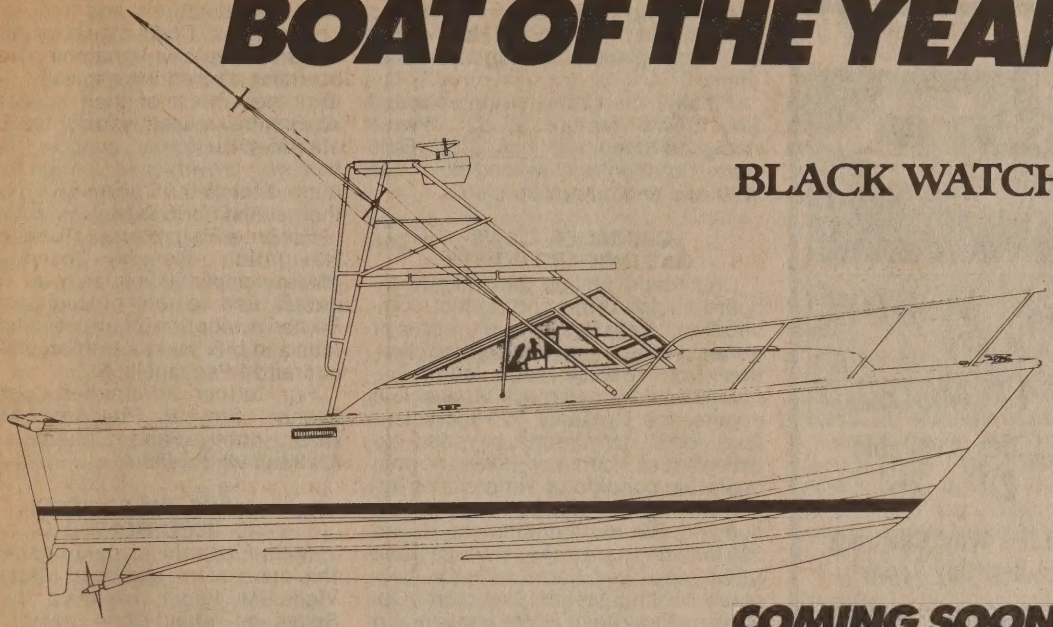

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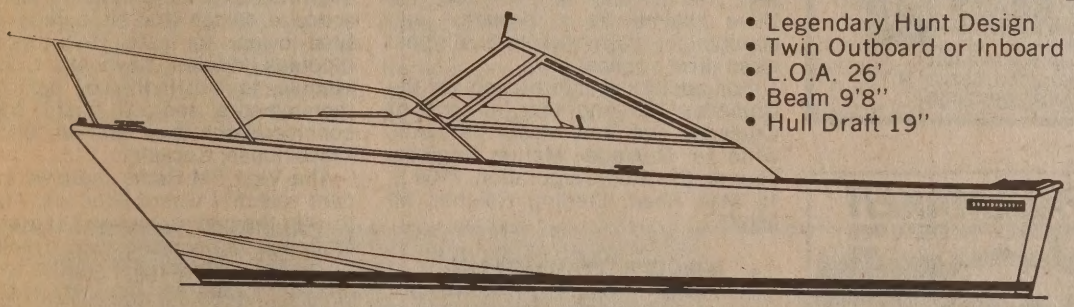

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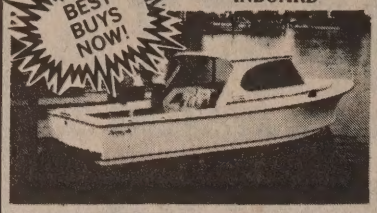
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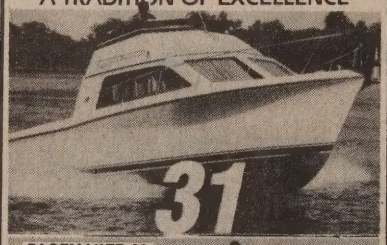

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Mieco is introducing two new products this year. The C-Master VI is a commercial quality instrument which features the same quality and accuracy which users have come to expect from the C-Master line of Loran C units. The C-Master VI is only 3-3/8 inches high, but through optimum use of the front panel space, the pushbuttons and LCD display are large and easy to use, with all major modes just one touch away.

Mieco is also entering the pleasure boat market with the introduction of the C-Scout portable Loran navigator. The C-Scout weighs in at only 3.6 lbs. and contains a rechargeable battery which permits operation for up to 40 hours between recharging. The C-Scout features a large LCD display which is backlighted for nighttime readability. The C-Scout is ideal for pleasure boaters who do not have auxiliary power. Since the C-Scout is totally self-contained, it can be used anywhere there is Loran C coverage, which makes it an ideal unit for the outdoor sportsman. The C-Scout will be available for shipment in March of this year at a list price of $799. The list price includes antenna, mounting trunnion and recharging unit.

For those unfamiliar with Foster, they are a major manufacturer of navigation equipment for business jets and turbo-prop aircraft. Their systems are offered by virtually all aircraft manufacturers and they enjoy a better than 50 percent share of long range navigation systems sold in business aircraft after market. Foster attributes much of their success to equipment reliability and their outstanding customer support. Foster has been providing equipment for this market for over 15 years and most of their sales are to repeat customers.

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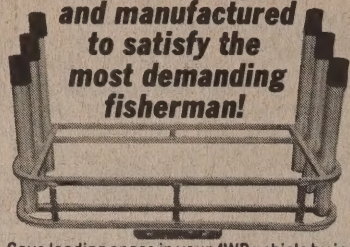

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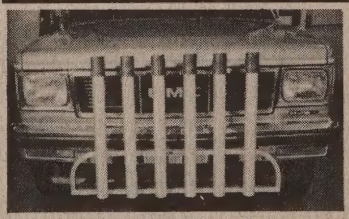

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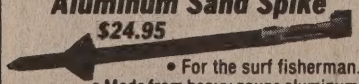

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Boats For Anglers

SEA CRAFT 23

by Pete Barrett

SeaCraft has been building center console fishing boats since 1967 and during that 20 year time span their boats have gained a reputation for being fast, soft riding and very fishable. The SeaCraft 23 is proof that some boats do get better with age.

In outward appearance, this classic has changed very little since the first 23 rolled out of the factory but under the skin, there are small improvements that take advantage of modern technology and the latest materials.

SeaCraft is justly famous for their very soft ride. The Variable Deadrise Hull (VDH) uses three stepped vees to assure gentle entry into rough water along with a stable ride while trolling or drifting. The center and deepest vee has a 25 degree deadrise, the outer vee only 18 degrees. The full length steps allow the hull to ride on a cushioning layer of air that not only keeps the ride soft, but improves fuel economy dramatically.

I've fished on several 23s and have always been impressed with the boat's handling. There is nothing short of a gale that can ruin the ride. With a pair of 150s the 23 will top out in the high 30 knot speed range and will run in virtually any ocean at cruising speeds of 30 knots with no discomfort. A 23 I fished in the Florida Keys came equipped with twin 235s. It was a screamer with the Loran ticking off speeds across the flats of 48 knots!

Fuel economy with the twin 150s will range from 10 to 14 gallons per hour depending on the brand engine and how heavy a hand is used on the throttle. With a 136 gallon fuel capacity, the 23 can be canyon fishable.

The layout of the 23 Superfisherman is time tested, changing very little in 20 years. SeaCraft has emphasized the raised forward casting deck so the boat feels more like a 25 footer. The anchor locker is small, but can handle a small Danforth and 200 feet of line.

A pair of stainless grab rails surround the bow: one is raised about a foot above the top of the gunwale; the other is built into a molded recess along the inside edge of the gunwale. The 23 looks super sharp with the higher rail deleted at the factory with no loss of grabbing safety.

The center of the casting deck opens into a huge fishbox that drains overboard. There's space here for big fish like yellowfins and sharks. A friend of mine who only fishes inshore puts a cooler inside the fish box to keep fish and uses the remaining space to store anchors and other gear.

On the forward side of the center console, the seat has a hinged cover that hides a built-in cooler that can be used as a fish box. The console is comfortably high with the windshield just above eye level to keep cold winds blasting over the operator's

head. The top flat surface will conveniently mount a small Loran, compass, and graph recorder.

Sliding plexi panels cover a slanted area that will accept tachs, instruments and gauges and flush mount electronics like temp gauges, digital depth gauge and even radios. Electrical switches and fuses are protected by an overhanging plexi panel just below the stainless steering wheel.

Access to the inside of the console is through a teak hatch at the aft side. A shelf is handy for mounting a radio and for storing small tackle items like pliers and knives. The wiring is harnessed and is readily accessed through the teak hatch.

Under gunwale rod storage is generous. SeaCraft uses cut-out teak brackets to hold 3 rods on each side forward and 3 more rods on each side aft of the console for a total of 12 rods. Optional teak rod holders on each side of the console bring the total rod storage up to 20 rods.

The cockpit aft of the console measures approximately 70 square feet which is large for a 23 foot boat. A rocket launcher would increase the fishability of this space over the standard twin swivel chairs. A large live well is built into the deck at the center line just forward of the fold down teak splash well door.

Bait or tackle storage boxes are built into each transom corner and are handy to store small lures, rigged baits on ice, umbrella rigs and large terminal rigs for sharks and bottom fishing. Batteries can be mounted in the compartments under each bait box keeping them high and dry at all times.

Most fishermen never give the rub rail a second look other than to be sure the boat has one. SeaCraft's rub rail is durable rubber with a molded downward reflecting lip to knock troublesome wind spray away from the boat; a nice touch on a breezy spring day.

The 23 Superfisherman rigs easily with PVC conduits provided to run wiring and engine controls. All hardware is top quality stainless or marinium. The construction appears to be first rate throughout with no rough edges, proper alignment of hinges and proper fit of hatches, plexi doors and teak trim.

The SeaCraft 23 Superfisherman has been a winner for two decades and will no doubt continue to be a winner for a long time to come. It is at home on the inshore grounds and is quite capable of long distance runs.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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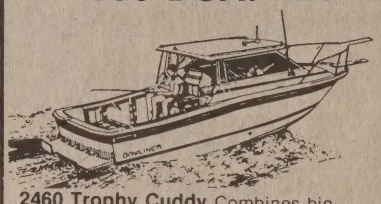

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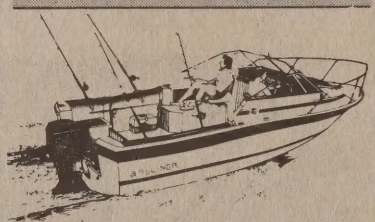

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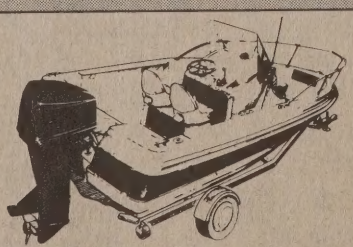

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Product Review

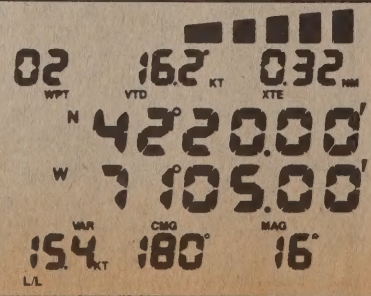
RAYTHEON 570 LORAN

by Greg Venturo

Many years have passed since the introduction of the old Loran A system: two large boxes with small scopes that required you to align the signals in order to receive a Loran fix. There was no such thing as a computer navigator, no speed over the bottom, no cross track error; just a set of numbers. We all thought that was the "cat's meow" and what a bargain for only four thousand dollars!

The new Raytheon 570 Loran is a far cry from the Lorans of old. Coming in at a mere six inches high by nine inches long and three inches deep including the mounting bracket, this is a truly compact Loran. The standard U-shape bracket or a flush mount bracket that is optional makes mounting this unit a snap. The compact size of the 570 enables it to be installed in the smallest of center consoles and tuna tower radio boxes.

The 570's keyboard has weatherproof touch pad controls that give a solid feel when you depress the key. No more wondering "Did I push the key or didn't I?" With O rings on all fittings this is a very moisture proof machine that can handle the wet world of the center console fisherman.



As shown in photo, just touch CHG key for secondary navigation display. Data with Lat/Long (or TD's) now shows velocity (16.2 kts) towards waypoint (02) and cross track error (0.32nm). Bottom line reads velocity along route (average speed towards next waypoint since passing last waypoint-15.4 kts) and course made good (180°) since last waypoint...as well as magnetic correction (16°).

Wreck fishermen should have no problem storing all their favorite sets of numbers. The 570 features a full 100 waypoint memory along with an internal battery to hold them when power is turned off.

A complete navigation readout is standard on the 570. Lat/Long and TDs, of course, are available. The 570 also features bearing to waypoint (magnetic or true degrees), distance to go, speed over the bottom, course (magnetic or true), time to go to waypoint (at present speed and course), course made good, distance from present position to end of route and cross track error to .01 nautical miles. Now that's quite a list.

When you are in the computer navigation mode the course deviation is shown by way of a bar-graph that indicates the direction and how far off course you are.

How many times did you forget to clock the amount of time it took you to reel in a fish? No problem. Now the 570 has a built-in stop watch, clock and timer to measure those battles.

Raytheon's 570 has the ability to show TDs, but also course deviation bars, waypoint number in use, bearing, distance to go, speed over the bottom and course with time to waypoint. That's seven functions shown at one time.

The 570 is almost assured of strong clean signals with six automatic and one preset notch filter.

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The initial turn-on operation is fully automatic with automatic selection of GRI and primary and secondary TDs. Additional Secondary Factor is available in both automatic and manual modes. The ASF function corrects the difference in the speed at which the transmitted signals pass over land mass and water, for a more precise set of numbers.

The 570 will let you know of any failure in reception via a visual and audible alarm. There are also visual and audible alarms for waypoint arrival, anchor watch and cross track error limits.

Those fishermen who have electronics that can interface with NMEA0180 and NMEA0183 standards will be able to get digital output from the 570, such as graph recorders that can print Loran numbers on the paper printout.

Raytheon backs their 570 Loran with a two year limited parts warranty and with a one year free labor warranty by a network of U.S. dealers.

If you are in the market for a new Loran take the time to see the Raynav 570; it's compact and loaded with features for the fisherman.

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The Tackle Doctor

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

You always mention one specific hook whenever you write a story about fluke fishing. I can't find that particular hook at any of the local tackle shops and wonder if you have them made up special for you. Is there a source for the upturned eye type hook you use? And, if so, where can I buy them? I don't mind purchasing hooks by the box (100) but I need to know the hook model, style and in the sizes that I'll need for fluke, blues, weakfish, striped bass and other species that inhabit inshore waters.

George Heckmann.

Dear George,

Those hooks are available at most bait and tackle shops that stock the Mustad brand. I've been using the upturned eye hooks for both fresh and salt water for a lot of years and haven't found any style that I like better for use with bait. They do hook and hold.

The style was originally an Octopus model, but is now considered a salmon or just plain Beak hook. Mustad has it shown in their "Guide to the Selection of Salt Water Bait Hooks" brochure as a Beak Hook Model No. 92553 (02553S in the stainless steel models) and lists it in sizes 1/0 to 6/0. This does not, however, include the fresh water bait hooks which are also sold in the same style with the same model number.

Stop at your regular bait and tackle shop and ask the owner to order a box (100) of the hooks for you. He can get them from his tackle representative but may have to order in a greater quantity than you want to purchase. That's up to him.

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Dear Doc,

I plan to do a lot of light tackle fishing this season and have some questions you might help me with. I want to try for world records and need

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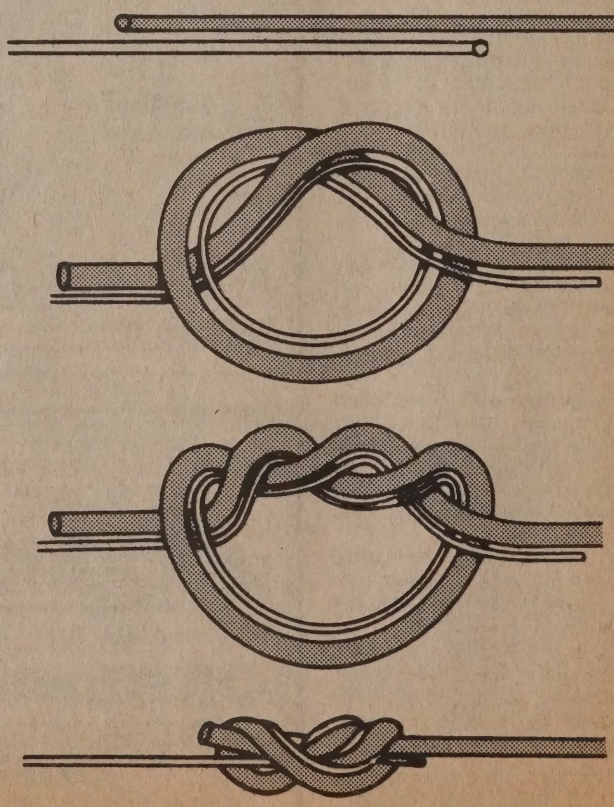

to know what knots are used by record hunters and the right way to rig when using bait or lures. *Skip Bonello.*

Dear Skip,

There are two knots you must master: the Bimini Twist and the Double Surgeon's Knot. The Bimini is used to make the double line and the Surgeon's to attach a heavy "shock" leader to the doubled line.

Both are described in detail in "Practical Fishing Knots" by Lefty Kreh and Mark Sosin. The book is available through The Fisherman's Library, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963 and we recommend it highly to anyone who hopes to become proficient at knot tying.

You should also check the rules of the International Game Fish Association. You can have the right tackle, line and lure and even catch a potential record and still not get the recognition if you do not rig the tackle in the precribed manner or fail to follow the rules when applying for a world record catch.

Each year the IGFA publishes an annual World Record Game Fishes book. It sells for $9.75 (US) and $11.75 (Foreign) and can be obtained through IGFA, 3000 Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-1616.

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Dear Doc,

I'm confused. Some flounder fishermen say to never add anything extra to the rig because it scares the fish, yet many of the rigs I see in tackle shops have red or yellow beads. What gives? I can't believe all those rigs are bad or that manufacturers keep making rigs that don't catch fish. I mean they wouldn't stay in business, would they?

Can you clear up my problem? If colors are good, which is better: red or yellow? *Max Miller.*

Dear Max,

Yes and no; the rigs with the fancy beads may or may not scare the fish. I believe it is best to start your day with a plain rig minus beads of any kind. If the fishing is slow or if the water is very cloudy, yellow or red beads can add a little flash to help the flounder decide to jump on the bait.

A single bead added just ahead of the hook can be a good additive to a flounder rig. Too many beads, flashy spinners and obvious hardware like the old-fashioned spreader bars can really hurt the day's catch, so stay away from excessive hardware.

Color is so important to some anglers that they paint sinkers in either red or yellow, sometimes bright green and white to help attract fish. You'll get no argument from me that they do work, sometimes with great success. But you should always be prepared to go back to the basics when the colors don't prove to be effective.

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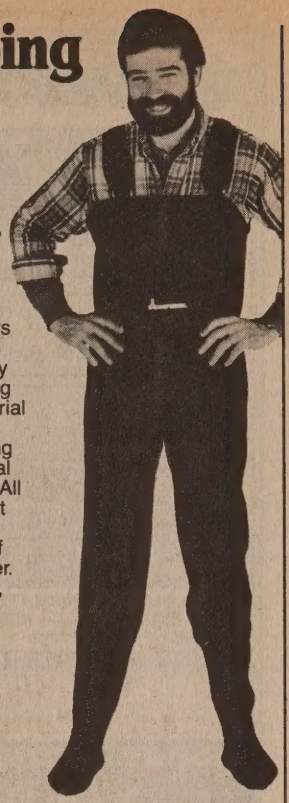

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

I have a 20 foot Grady White with a 175 hp Mercury outboard. This season I'll be keeping it in a marina. My question is: do I keep the motor down in the water or up out of it? I've noticed that some keep it up and others don't. Does it make a difference?

John Dunay.

Dear John,

You will be better off with the motor completely out of the water. While most modern outboards will raise up enough to clear the water, some of the older outboards and inboard/outboard stern drives do not. This may be why you see some motors up and others down.

Two problems occur when the motor is kept in saltwater. One is electrolysis and the other is attack by marine life. Both are easily solved.

To keep electrolysis from eating up your lower unit, make sure the zinc sacrificial anodes are in good condition at the beginning of the season. I replace mine every year. In some areas, the electrolysis problem is so severe that the anodes may only last a week or two. Check with other boaters in the marina to find out how often they replace their zincs.

To keep barnacles and grass from growing on the lower unit you must use anti-fouling paint. Be absolutely certain that the paint you use is especially made for aluminum lower units. If you use a copper based paint you will keep the growth away but the aluminum will dissolve as it reacts with the copper and the saltwater.

I use Interlux Lower Unit Anti Fouling paint and primer. It comes in a spray can and it takes a couple cans of the primer and of the paint to do the job properly. I have a Mercury lower unit on an I/O and the black Interlux matches the color of the unit fairly well.

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Dear Eric,

I recently purchased a 1979 23 foot Mako that came with a Loran, chart recorder, VHF and CB. I have had no trouble figuring out how to operate everything except the Loran. The instruction manual for it is the most confusing book I have ever read. Is there any other way to find out how to operate this piece of electronic equipment?

Bob Larsen.

Dear Bob,

Almost everyone I talk with about Loran has the same problem as you. The instruction manuals some manufacturers give you have all the information you need to operate the Loran, but few can understand it. Other manuals are quite good.

This problem has not gone unnoticed by the marine elctronics industry and they are working to improve this situation. Last year I bought an Apelco 6000 DLX Loran which came with two sets of instructions. One was a large book containing everything you will ever need to know about that unit. The other set of instructions were printed on waterproof cards held together by plastic rings and gave brief, but complete instructions on how to operate the basic functions of the Loran. I read the big book, but I used the cards for day to day operation of my Loran.

Since you have an older unit, simpler instructions may not be available but you could check with the

manufacturer to find out. You should also try to find another person or a dealer who has a unit like yours. Ask him to go through the operation and you will probably have an easier time understanding what is going on. You could also check with a local marine electronics dealer that carries the brand of Loran you have. He should be willing to help you with the operation of your unit.

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Dear Eric,

I have seen pictures of 23 to 25 foot boats that have no less than 10 trolling lines working off the stern. They use outriggers and downriggers with rods held in gun'l mount and tower mount holders as well as rocket launchers. I am curious to know the procedure for removing one rod after a strike without fouling the lines on all the others. Also I would like to know where all this tackle is stored in such a small boat while the angler is bringing in his fish. *Bill Ransing.*

Dear Bill,

The key to success when trolling multiple lines is planning and team work. The crew must be assigned specific tasks and these must be done precisely and quickly after a fish is on.

You should appoint an angler who will take the rod that had the strike and get into the chair or move to the stern if he plans to fight the fish while standing.

The captain must run the boat on a perfectly straight course while reducing the speed. This allows the mate or mates to bring in all the other lines. This job must also be pre-assigned.

All the rods must be stowed away from the cockpit. Some boat owners install separate rod holders for this purpose. Center console or walk-around boat owners usually place these holders around the bow. If your boat has a cabin you can put the rods down there and if you have a tower you have the perfect spot to keep your rods.

The rocket launcher makes this work much easier as all the rods are very close together and the mate does not need to run all around the boat to gather them in.

Two situations can alter this drill. When more than one fish hits you may find yourself with too many anglers and not enough mates. Regardless of how many fish may be on, someone still has to clear the line and get those rods out of the way. If you have to leave a rod or two in the holders with fish on until the rest are taken care of, then so be it.

The other problem arises when a big fish hits and begins to move away from the boat at a very rapid pace. You must back down or lose the fish, but if you do back down you will probably cut off some lines. It takes some very quick work by the mates, skillful boat handling by the captain and a lot of luck to pull this off successfully.

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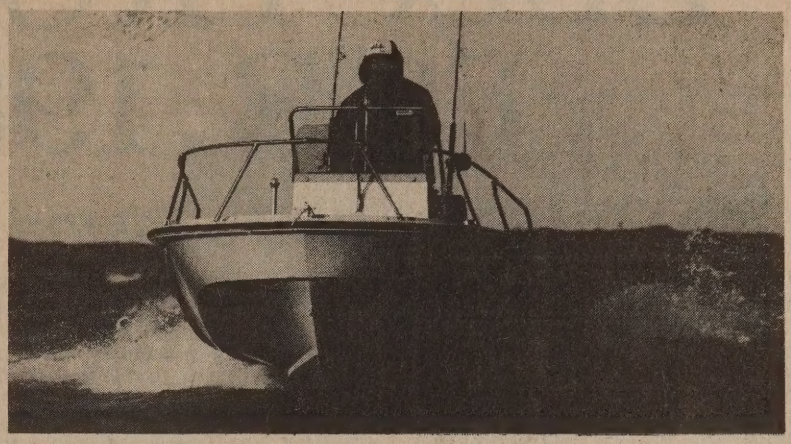

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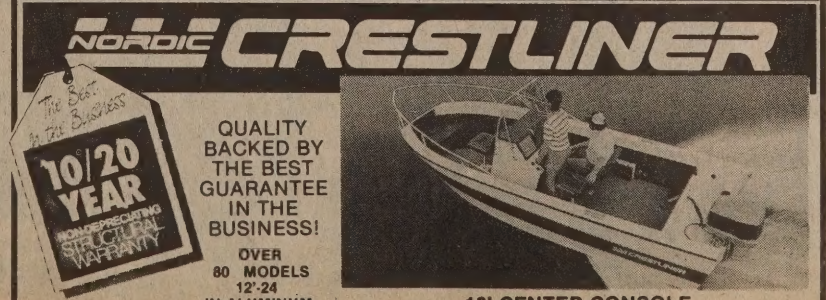

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ELECTRONICS FOR 1987

by Al Ristori

This week will conclude our review of electronics for 1987.

Bennett: Bennett Marine has long been known for the excellence of their trim tabs. I've had them on my last two boats and wonder how I ever got along without them before that! The single lever joystick control is easy to use, but it would be helpful to know just where they are at all times. Bennett has solved that problem with Bennett Trimdicators, which tell you where your tabs are at any time by measuring actual position electronically. An LCD digital readout gives you the approximate degrees of deflection and a light emitting diode (LED) bar graph indicates the percentage of deflection. Bennett Trimdicators can be rigged to both new and older systems, and retail for about $125.

Azimuth: This product of KVH Industries in Middletown, RI is a non-magnetic, digital compass. Rather than using magnets or rotating cards balanced on a jeweled bearing, the Azimuth employs a solid state electronic sensor that measures the earth's magnetic field directly. This is converted into an LCD digital reading along with an off-course indicator. The remote sensor is aligned with the keel and can be placed virtually anywhere that's convenient and relatively free from magnetic interference. The Azimuth gets a three-year warranty, but also costs a great deal more than a conventional compass. The list price is $695 and additional remote display units are $295.

Depthtalker: This unique item is a talking depthsounder. The compact unit connects quickly to most popular depthsounders of all kinds and will tell you how deep it is down to 50 feet. This is a handy item for situations in which you're navigating in tight channels or thick fog and don't want to be distracted by having to look at a readout or graph. For anglers it can be useful when you're fishing out of eyesight of your recorder and can determine if you're in the right spot by the depth of water.

Mobytec: This Dallas company makes the new Marine Tec 430 which detects the presence of even small amounts of carbon monoxide. This small unit lists for $169.

Fish Hawk: The Thermo Troll Computer #800 provides a digital display of downrigger temperature and lure speed plus surface temperature and speed. The LCD display works to depths of 200 feet and doesn't require any wire connection between the sensor and digital display. The Thermo Troll can be added to any downrigger without any modification, since the sensor is snapped onto the downrigger cable. The receiving transducer mounts on the transom and the display mounts on the console.

Big Jon: The Monitroll 900 provides water temperature and boat speed at both the surface and downrigger ball. It also works with any downrigger and requires no modification. Electronically, the new monitor is interference free and will not create problems with the boat radio, chart recorder or other electronics. The Monitroll 900 is wireless, featuring a sensor which

Depthtalker

snaps on the downrigger cable and (via a sonar transducer) transmits the information to the monitor on the boat.

Digital Marine: It's not really new, but the Northstar 800 Loran C series is usually regarded as tops in its field. They also carry a limited three-year warranty, but the price is well above that of other units. The 800 series features 120 waypoints that can be stored and formed into 99 identifiable routes, and it can be interfaced with almost all other electronic instruments on board. The self-contained 800 is splash-proof and encased in an aluminum housing that is angled to permit overhead, horizontal or vertical mounting. The 800X is a two-piece system that's ideal for open boat operation. The processor unit is separate and can be placed in an area where it won't be hit by water. Then you can run one or two waterproof control heads in parallel operation.

Furuno: This well-known electronics company offers a wide selection of new radars. There are three, 9 inch green phosphor CRT units giving a good daylight picture. The FR-1800 has a dome and the FR-1900 comes with a 3½ foot open antenna. Both range from 1/4 mile to 24 miles. Then there's the FR-604D which reaches out to 48 nautical miles. The color entry is the 10 inch FCR-904 that also ranges to 48 miles. Furuno tied with Digital Marine for the National Electronics Manufacturers Association award for Loran C and was top-rated in both large and small radars, as well as chart and video recorders and sonar.

Datamarine: The new Dart series includes a depth and water temperature digital with high/low alarms for both; a speed/log remote with a distance log that counts up from zero or down from a preset distance—and a buzzer that sounds when the log or time counts down to zero; and the Multi Dart multifunction remote to provide access to depth, water temperature, speed and distance information without having to return to the control station. Topping the Dart line is the Dart-4. Rather than selecting a single display, as with the other units, the Dart-4 gives you depth, water temperature, speed and distance simultaneously. In addition, it has high/low alarms for depth and temperature, and can be used in combination with other Dart remotes.

Raytheon: One of the big names in radar is featuring the 4804C color unit with 9 ranges from 1/4 mile to 48 miles in a 10 inch diagonal display. This is a reasonably compact radar for boats from 30 feet up and carries a two-year warranty.

Robertson-Shipmate: This Hauppauge, Long Island firm has introduced a compact VHF that meets the most stringent sea safety requirements. The RS-8000 is a fully synthesized radiotelephone with U.S. and international VHF channels and dual-watch, channel 16 priority and the

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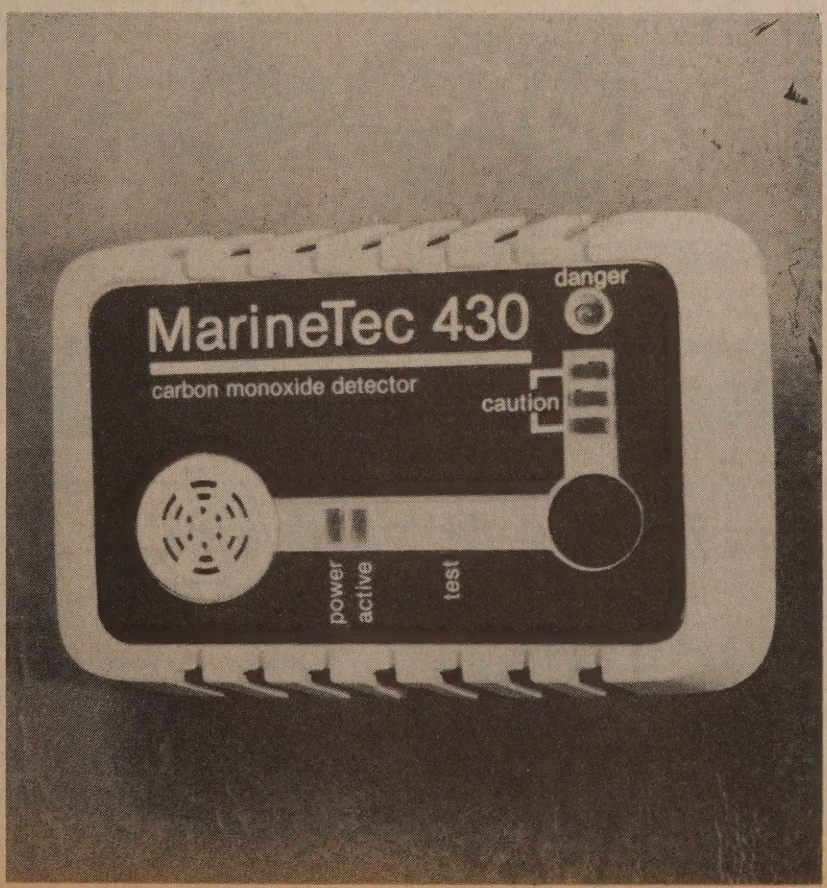

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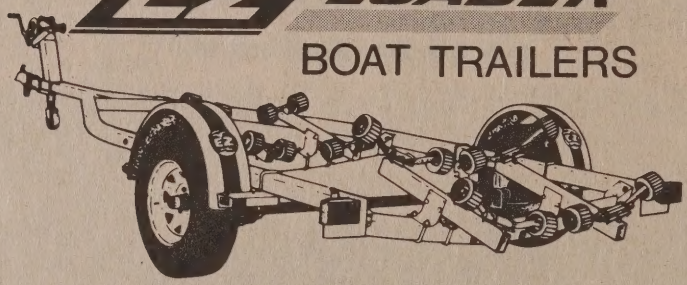

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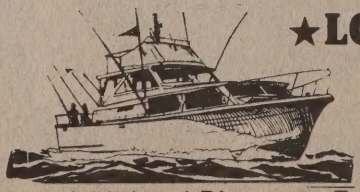

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Micrologic: The ML-8000 Loran C has a 32-character, dot matrix LCD display that can display all letters of the alphabet so they can be easily read. Up to 250 waypoints can be stored, they can be assigned a five character name rather than a number to make it easier to recall. With an optional battery pack and a telescoping antenna, this unit becomes completely portable. Best of all it has a waterproof case. The list price is just $1,395 and you can get an audio cassette tape with it for instructional purposes.

Lake Systems: Freshwater anglers can now end up spending almost as much money on electronics as their marine counterparts. The pH monitor has been an important tool for bass anglers for over a decade, and the Color-C-Lector system was one of last year's big hits. Now has rolled all of this into combination instruments: the Combo-C-Lector and Multi-C-Lector. The Multi-C-Lector is mounted on the boat's console and hooked up to a transom-mounted electric reel with probe attached. Directly from the console, the probe can be raised and lowered with the touch of a button. On the left side of the unit are the three Color-C-Lector bands for clear, stained and muddy water—both standard and fluorescent colors. To the right are eight LED readouts. These show: which color band to use; the percent scale of clarity; the pH level; water temperature; depth of pH clines (breaklines), depth of temperature clines; depth of clarity clines; probe depth; and probe speed when trolling. In addition, the Multi-C-Lector sounds an audible alarm when an abrupt change in water clarity is encountered while trolling, as well as temperature and pH sheers. It also shows the depth of both primary and secondary pH clines (breaklines), clarity clines and temperature clines (thermoclines) if present. The probe can be raised or lowered remotely at two speeds: slow or 120 feet per minute.

The Combo-C-Lector offers many of the same features, but is completely portable. It comes with a combination pH, color and temperature probe attached and the cable is wrapped around the hand-held circular instrument. Both units are backed by a one year unconditional guarantee.

Shakespeare: If antenna clutter is a problem on your boat, Shakespeare has a solution. The new 5302 antenna will service both the VHF and the Loran C. This is a standard 8 foot whip antenna and it's constructed so there is no intereference problem between the two units.

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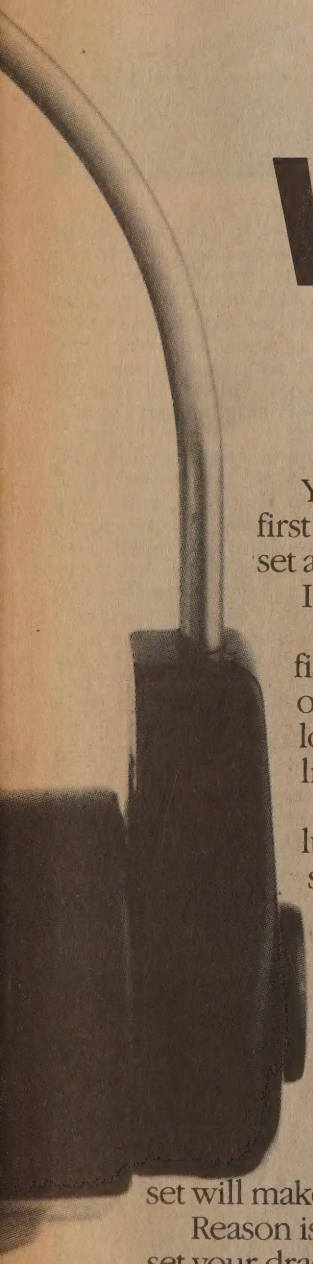

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MOLD AND TIE YOUR OWN JIGS

by Boyd Pfeiffer

Here's a way to ease winter boredom and save a few bucks as well.

One of the ways to cut the increasingly high cost of fishing is to make your own lures; specifically, your own jigs and bucktails for fresh and salt water. Molds from companies such as Do-It, Hilts, Palmer and others include varieties of from 1 to 10 cavities molds for everything from tiny freshwater round head jigs to large several ounce saltwater casting or trolling jigs. The cost savings are substantial, the methods easy.

Begin by obtaining a mold of your choice. Make sure that it will mold the exact type of bucktail that you wish including the balance of the lure, the type of hook, shape and size.

You will also need the appropriate size and style jig hooks, plumber's lead, nylon fly tying or rod building thread (size A is best), paint to finish the jigs, and feathers, fur or skirt material to complete the lure.

A plumber's melting pot or special lead molding self-heating pot (such as the Palmer Hot Pot, Lee bottom feeding pots or Do-it pots) are also required along with heavy gloves and a safe place to work.

Before beginning, make sure that you have a safe place to mold, that children and pets are not in the area to cause or contribute to accidents. Lead melts at approximately 600 degrees F, and can cause severe burns.

To properly mold bucktail heads the mold must be slightly warm. This is especially important with small cavities molds, less important with large cavities molds. Begin by heating the mold on a very low heat for a few minutes on each side to warm the cavities and prevent immediate solidifying of the lead when the hot lead hits the cold cavities. Do not overheat a mold, since you can warp it and make it useless.

At the same time, heat the lead under a high heat in a lead pot or self heater. It is best to add small bits of lead, or chop up any lead so that you get maximum contact of the lead with the pot for quick heating. As the lead becomes molten, it will go from a silvery sheen to one that is slightly purplish and almost iridescent looking. Remove any slag or impurities that float to the surface with an old spoon or strainer and you are ready to pour.

Add the hooks to the mold, close the cavities and use heavy gloves to hold the mold handles (although many molds have insulated or wood handles). Place the mold on a protective counter or sheet and pour lead carefully into each sprue hole (the cone shaped hole "funnel" that leads to the cavities) filling the cavities and the sprue area.

Once all the cavities are filled, replace the lead pot on the heat and open the mold. If working with large bucktails, wait a few minutes to be sure that the lead has cured. Use pliers to remove the lead heads (both the hooks and lead will be very hot) and lay to the side. Replace the hooks carefully and continue molding until enough heads are produced. In any molding operation, it is best to make a number of lead heads, perhaps enough for a season or two, since the initial melting of the lead does take some time.

Once the lead heads are cooled, use wire cutters to remove the sprue lead, adding this lead back to the pot

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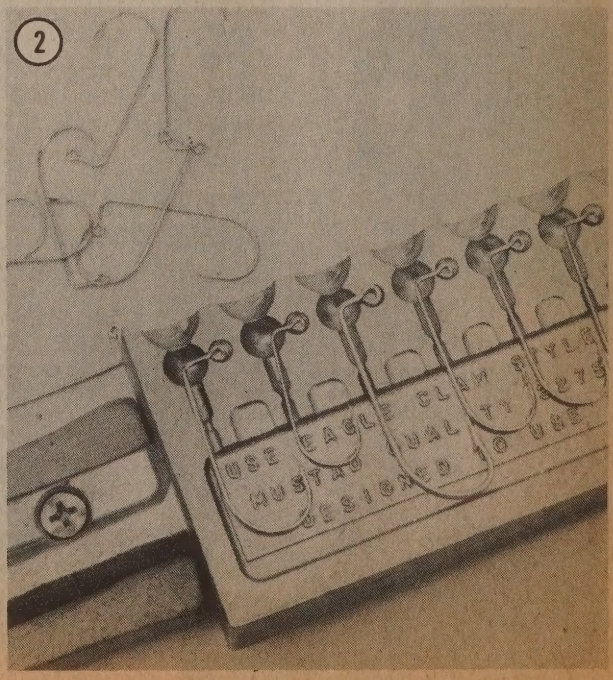

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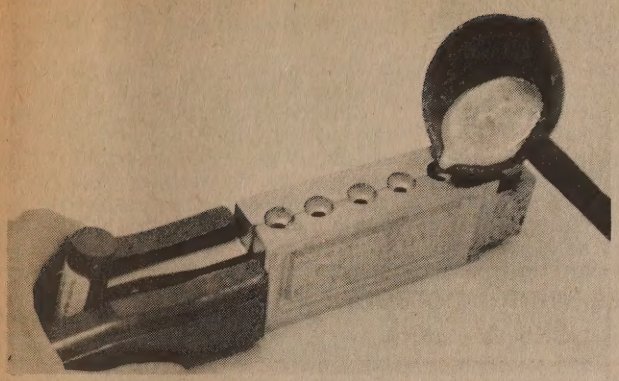

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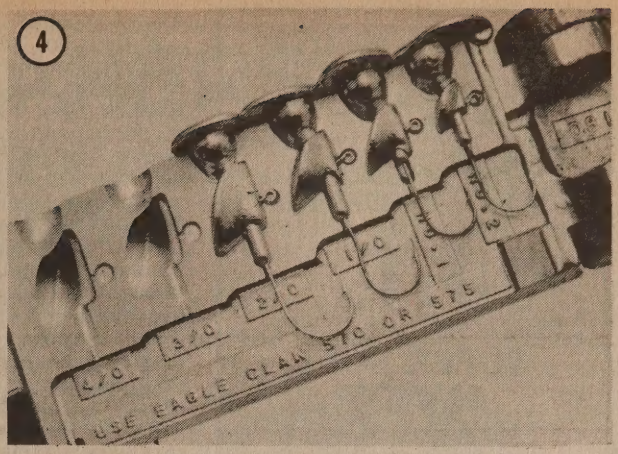

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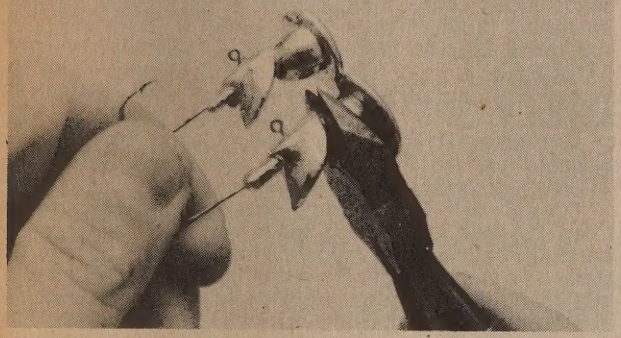

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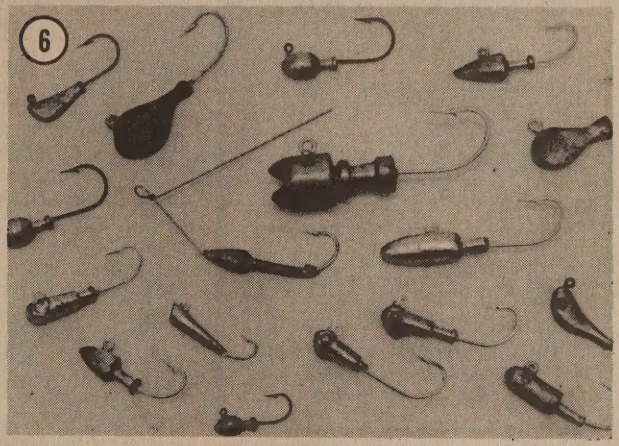

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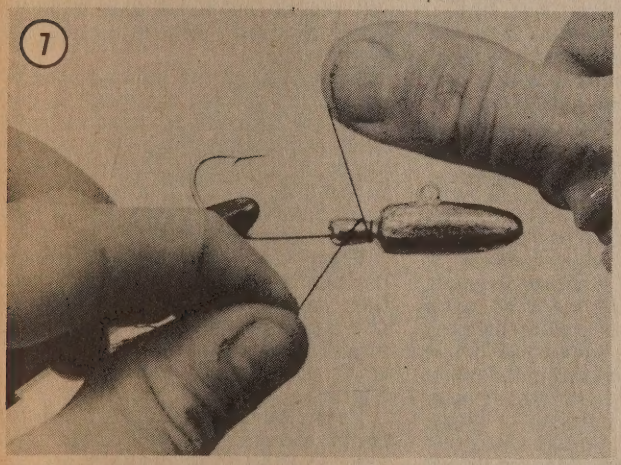

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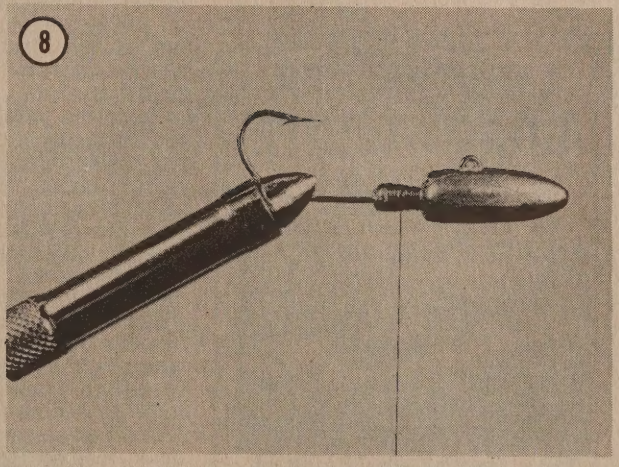

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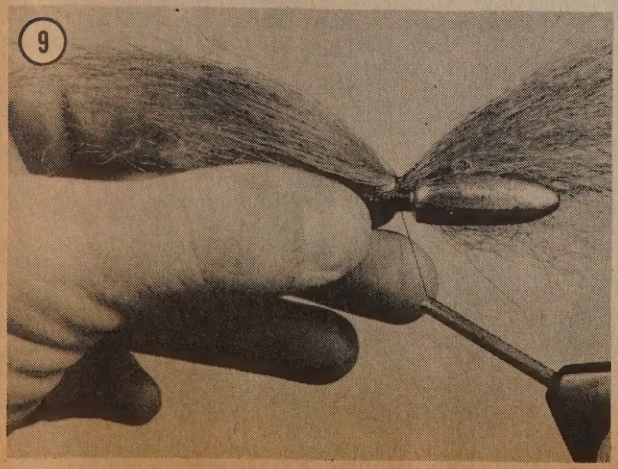

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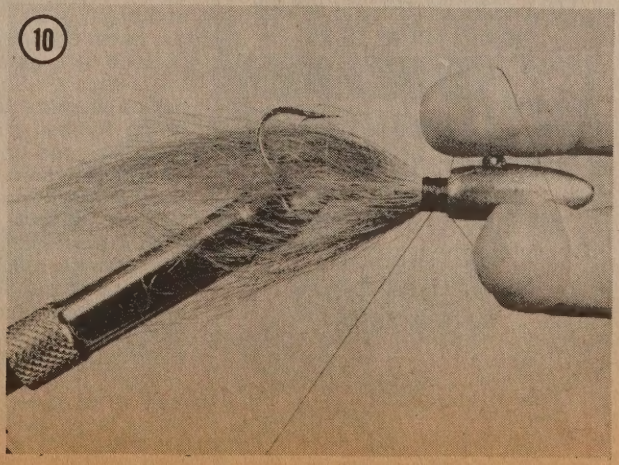

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as your mold or save it for future use.

If required, use a coarse file to touch up the mold spot and smooth it for painting. Once the lead heads are finished, paint them by dipping with a primer or base coat of white. This will prevent later oxidation of the lead that will interfere with the adherence of subsequent coats of paint.

If you wish, you can paint the heads at this point, dipping, spraying or brushing. Several dipped coats are best using a thinned paint to prevent sagging of the paint as it hangs and dries. Spraying works well, using plastic gloves to hold each lure by the hook and hanging the painted lures. Brushing is also good. Allow the paint to dry by hanging them up, using a rack of bead chain hangers, iron strap or chain. That way, each jig head can be separated to prevent the lures from touching as would happen if they were hung on a wire or string rack.

Once the finish color is added, coat with a clear finish for further protection. Good colors are those specifically for lures by The Color Box, which have a built-in brush applicator. Small bottles of auto touch up (with brush in the cap) or auto spray are also good, easily available and provide almost unlimited color combinations.

The same colors can be used to add stripes, using carefully brushed patterns or masking tape as a stencil. To make dots or eyes, use different size nails or pins embedded into a dowel to make different size dots or an eye with a smaller pupil. By spraying, you can "feather" colors to make a large saltwater bucktail with a dark back, color sides and light belly.

Once the paints are cured, tie up the bucktails into lures by wrapping the collar area with thread and fur and/or feathers. Nylon thread is good, using bright contrasting colors. Often saltwater bucktails are tied with a red thread, freshwater with a black or white thread, but the choice is yours.

Begin by clamping the hook, point up, in a vise or locking pliers clamped in a vise to hold the jig head. Begin by wrapping the thread around the collar of the lure, wrapping over the previous turns to secure the thread in place. Clip off any excess thread. Once tied down, maintain tension on the thread and begin to wrap in tail materials of fur, nylon or feathers.

Good tail materials include bucktail, impala, squirrel tail, saddle hackle feathers, fine skirt style nylon, Living Rubber, plastic skirt material, etc. One good tip when working with fur is to tie down the fur loosely with several turns, and then pull the thread tight to spread the fur completely around the collar of the lure. When using feathers, place them so that they are splayed out (for maximum action) symmetrically on each side of the lure. One good combination is to use a fur under long saddle hackles.

When tying in the tail, make sure that it is the right length, usually about twice the length of the lure or hook shank. After tying down the tail materials, clip any excess forward of the collar and wrap over it with the thread until the collar area is completely smooth and even. Finish the wrap by tying in 3 or more half hitches, cinching them down tightly to bind them into the thread.

Clip the excess thread and protect the wraps from raveling with a coating of paint (same or contrasting color as the jig head) or clear finish such as epoxy (the best, especially for toothy species like bluefish), fly tyers head cement or nylon base nail polish. The Color Box also makes a clear finish that works well.

An alternative to the above is to first paint the jig heads with a base coat, then wrap down the tail materials, tie off and then dip or brush the head with a finish coat or two of paint, covering the thread wrapping as protection and sealant. Another alternative is to buy the heads already molded from a tackle parts supplier and simply tie on the tail and paint them to avoid the molding process.

There is one final alternative for both fresh and salt water anglers in using skirts and vinyl sleeves such as Hoochy Trolls. Plastic, vinyl or rubber skirts can be added to any painted jig head to make a finished lure without wrapping, while saltwater anglers can slip jig heads into vinyl sleeves such as Hoochy Trolls, Psychotails or Gitzits for an all in one plasticized jigging or trolling lure. A similar technique can be done using the vibrating tail soft plastic minnows that together with a jig head make up a complete simple lure.

Regardless of the method used or procedure followed the result is still the same: less cost to these versatile lures, easy production even in volume and more confidence in fishing those impossible, big fish places since the lures cost only pennies and a few minutes each to make.

Photo One: Tools and materials needed for molding bucktails include pots, ladles, lead, molds, wire cutters and heavy gloves. Fur, feathers and thread are needed to complete the lures; some paint needed to paint them.

Photo Two: Special bent shank jig hooks are placed in the mold carefully.

Photo Three: Pouring the molten lead into the mold through the sprue hole.

Photo Four: Completed heads—this time an Erie style jig—shown in opened mold.

Photo Five: Cutting off excess lead with wire cutters.

Photo Six: Examples of heads that can be molded and bought.

Photo Seven: Starting the tail on the lure by tying the thread over previous wraps to secure it.

Photo Eight: Thread wrapped on shank of hook or lead collar.

Photo Nine: Fur wrapped down on the collar of the molded head.

Photo Ten: Completing the tail by wrapping down the thread with several half hitches.

RECORD BREAKERS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SALMON RIVER

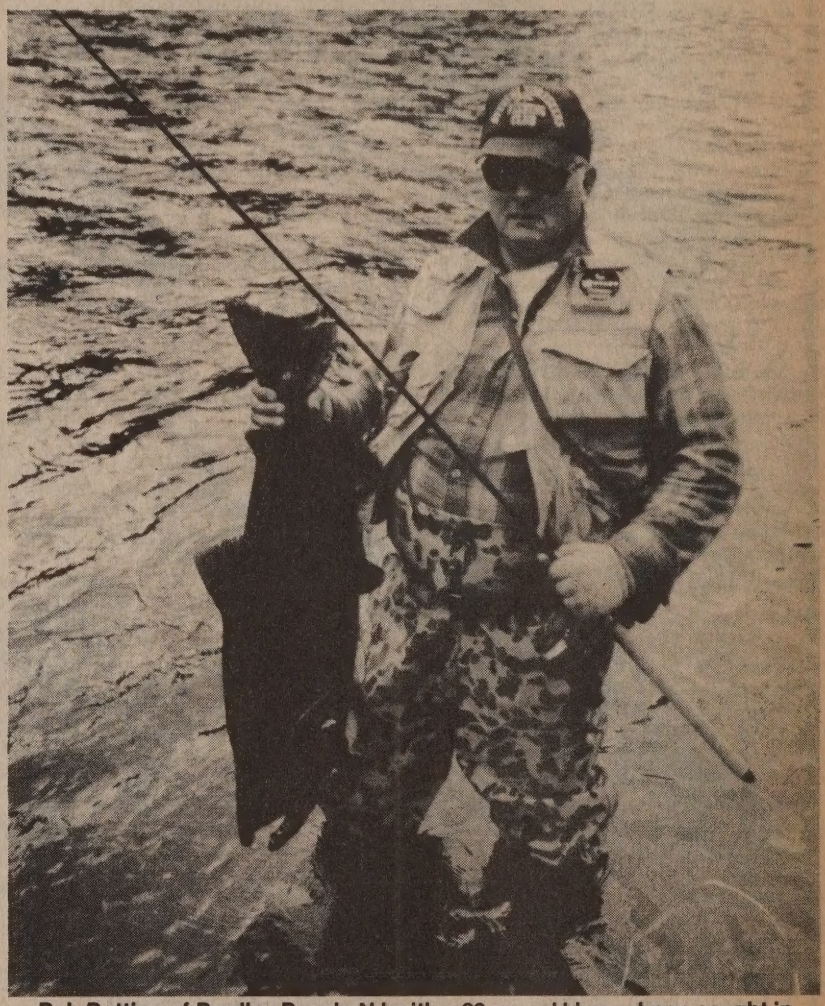
by Bill Feinberg

The folks from Pulaski, New York call their town "The Salmon Capital of the East." Some people might not agree with this assessment, but there can be no disputing the fact that the river is the scene of tremendous runs of large salmon and trout. Without stretching the truth, during the fall salmon run, the sight of hundreds of fish weighing up to 30 lbs. or more is common. Actually, if one includes the fish seen breaking along with those stacked up like cordwood in the upper reaches of the river near the hatchery, the numbers one might see would be a thousand or more.

Pulaski is an important fishing site both during the steel head season in February and the salmon and trout season in the fall. Although I have not had the benefit of a trip up to the area in February, on good authority I have it that the fish are large and hungry, and the weather cold.

My own introduction to the Salmon River came as the result of an Asbury Park Fishing Club trip led by George Cook, a veteran trout and salmon angler. The expedition took place during the first week of October when the run had just about reached its peak. George, who has fished for trout and salmon across the country, makes it up to Pulaski several times a year. He has lots of know-how and it was invaluable to have had him along as a guide. For novices, George has prepared a list of items that will be important on the Salmon River. George's list includes:

- Leader material of 15 lb. test for snelling hooks; generous supply of fairly heavy split shot of the Gremlin variety.
- A medium or light action spinning rod from 7 to 9 feet in length on which a mark-off of 24 inches has been placed; medium sized reel (712 Penn, for example); monofilament with a 17 to 20 lb. test.
- A very liberal supply of #4 unsnelled hooks, with a gap between the point and shank of 1/2 inch or less.
- A pair of insulated waders; creepers, preferably of the "Corker" type; rain gear.
- A roll of duct tape to strap the waders on in a firm manner.
- A supply of small barrel swivels for the running end of the leader; a pair of long nose pliers 6 to 8 inches in length; 6 to 8 foot piece of rope to serve as a stringer.
- An assortment of lures including Daredevles, Cleos and Krocodiles.



Bob Bottino of Bradley Beach, NJ with a 20 pound king salmon caught in the Salmon River on 6 pound test. The fish was released unharmed.

- A large clipper on a string (to be carried around the neck) to cut mono; a hook sharpening stone.
- A pair of polarized sunglasses; long john underwear; heavy socks; fishing gloves; small flashlight for early morning fishing.
- A jar each of red and green plastic salmon eggs; a cooler for taking fish home.

Room reservations in Pulaski should be made in advance and probably well in advance. Although there are a goodly number of places in which to bed down, fishermen are as plentiful as the fish and rooms can be hard to come by. A few lodging places in the Pulaski area include Tony's Salmon Country Sports Shop & Hotel, (315) 298-4104; Riverside Motel, (315) 298-2415; Wigwam Motel, (315) 387-3001; Redwood Motel, (315) 298-4717; Salmon Acres Fishing Lodge, (315) 298-6173. There are also a number of reasonably priced restaurants both in town and nearby and meals should be no problem. In the event you run short of tackle (which is quite likely) there are several well stocked shops, including Tony's Sports Shop which has a full line of just about everything.

There are numerous good fishing spots on the river, some of which are in the dead center of town. Most of these hotspots have names and they

would include the Blackhole, the Staircase (also called Long Bridge Pool), Dunbar Field, Short Bridge Pool and Trestle Pool. There are a number of others—named and unnamed. Obviously, with such a choice it is wise to look around first and ask some questions in order to find out where the action is taking place.

Successful fishing of the Salmon River requires a technique. If natural salmon eggs are used as bait, they should be tied to the hook in a small mesh bag. Without this, they will not stay on the hook, as the river is swift and has many rapids. George Cook's preference for artificial eggs is due to the fact that they remain hooked. Other baits include pieces of sponge, streamer flies, and lures. The fishing spot often dictates how the fishing is to be done. In some areas casting out into the river and allowing the bait to drift down current is the way to go. On the other hand, in one of the better spots immediately north of the bridge in town, just make a short underhand cast of a few feet, let the line drop in the white water and follow a short arc and then retrieve it. In this particular spot, large salmon could be seen in the water and these were taken by dropping a bait a few feet in front of them, and letting it drift to the fish. A few of the regulars took fish with just about every cast.

Some of the fishing holes are accessible and others, including a few of the better ones, are off the beaten track. These may necessitate long hauls down steep embankments or through brush. Creepers are essential here as well as on the slippery rocks in the river itself. Incidentally, there are numerous signs warning fishermen to exercise caution because of the swift current. It is wise to do so as a fall into the river could be very dangerous.

Everything about the Salmon River spells "big," whether it's coho salmon, chinook (king) salmon, brown trout or steelhead (rainbow) trout. The size of the fish in addition to fast water add up to a tough fight in almost every instance. Many, if not most of the fish, that are lost (and there are plenty of them) break off and that is why a goodly supply of end tackle is essential. At the present time both the New York State record coho and steelhead were taken from the Salmon River.

While in the Pulaski area a trip to the hatchery should be made. This facility is set up with the visitor in mind and one leaves with a great deal more knowledge than he had when he arrived. The hatchery is nothing short of spectacular in the fall when the upper reaches of the river are literally choked with salmon. There is also, of course, a certain feeling of regret that one feels knowing these magnificent fish have returned home to die.

Close by Pulaski are the Oswego River and the Lake Ontario beach area at the mouth of the Salmon River. Both of these provide good fishing and a change of scenery after a few days spent fishing the Salmon.

Unfortunately, there are some negatives about the Salmon River that many sportsmen will soon notice. These will mar the memories of an otherwise perfect trip. First and foremost are the crowds. The good holes are usually wall to wall fishermen, so that it may be difficult, if not impossible, to shoulder your way to the water. This leads to a great deal of line tangling and the flare-up of tempers and harsh words. I had a large fish on when someone on the other side of the river cast over my line. He then thought, after he felt the pulling, that he had the fish on his line. After that I was fighting the fish and the fisherman and in short order, the fish was off. Another problem for me was one of sporting ethics. There is a line that runs across the upper Salmon River above which salmon may be taken by snagging, and a special snag rig is sold for that purpose. Below the line the fish are legally to be taken only mouth hooked with a single hook having a gap between point and shank of no more than 1/2 inch. Well within this mouth hooking area many so-called sport fishermen deliberately fish to snag their catch. When the fish is brought to shore they quickly remove the hook so that they will escape detection by the game wardens. The number of fish illegally snagged is extremely large and I, for one, have misgivings about this situation. Another black mark is the litter on the river and this is entirely inexcusable. There are thousands of yards of mono wrapped around bushes, rocks, twigs and along the river's edge. There are likewise thousands of styrofoam coffee cups in the water. At one point, from a hill near the Black Hole, the river looked snow covered from the solid mass of coffee cups floating in a large cove below. Both mono and styrofoam are biologically non-degradable and unless someone cleans these items up they could contaminate the area for years to come. One guide advised me that while fishermen still get a warm welcome in Pulaski the warmth is becoming cooler due to the litter problem. He commented that some of the better fishing spots upriver now have no trespassing signs posted and that the trend will increase if the fishermen do not clean up their act. It should not be necessary to comment on this sad state of affairs, but if access to the Salmon River is restricted because of trash and litter, the sport fisherman will only have himself to blame. In a word, sport fishing and environmental protection should and must be inseparable.

On balance, as far as I am concerned, the pluses of the Salmon River still far outweigh the negatives. Many others must agree as return trips to the Salmon River are the rule rather than the exception. Let us hope that those of us who fish the Salmon in the future learn from the mistakes of the past. In this way we will be able to preserve and improve upon a unique fishing area.

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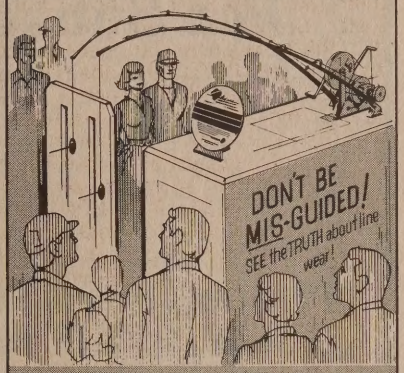

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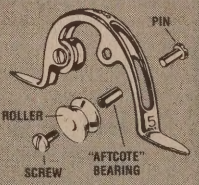

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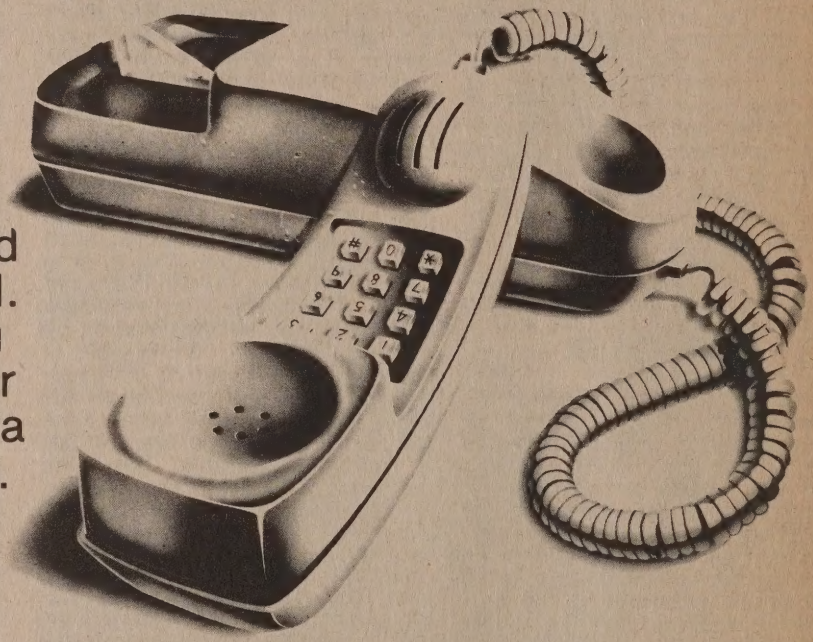

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BETWEEN SHIPMATES

retold by Matt Ahern

Here is a tale from up Gloucester way about fish and men and days gone by.

"Frenchie" and his old-time chum had not spoken to each other since the vessel had put out from Gloucester, and it was very awkward altogether. Here were two men who had to sit at the same table, to share the same bunk and to overhaul trawls together in cramped quarters below, each trying, by every evasion of look, word, and deed, not to let on that he knew that the other even existed.

But there was no way of standing watch, or taking the wheel from each other and passing the skipper's word—"By the wind," "east, half south, and nothing to"—or whatever else it might be. That was the hard thing—they could not conceal it from the crew—the having to speak to each other.

"And what's it all about?" queried the crew, and they would have liked to smooth matters out but knew better than to attempt it in the usual way, for neither was of the kind that open their hearts to casual inquiry, however well-intentioned. So, though the mystery had not been solved, it was a great relief to all hands when, the vessel having arrived on the grounds, the two men put off to set trawls.

To nearly all. There were yet those who worried. "For, if a hundred ton vessel is certainly narrow for two that's fallen out, what of a 16 foot dory?" mused these. "What of a 16 foot dory, where they can't be passing for'ard or aft without forever fallin' foul of each other?" and in the most incidental sort of way in the world they glanced over their shoulders—casting about for weather signs by the way—to see what the pair would do in more restricted quarters.

But nothing happened—leastwise not in sight of the crew. They saw only that it was Arnold, handiest to the baited tub of trawls, who cast over the buoy and anchor; and Frenchie, the man of noted endurance even among a fleet of trawlers, who yanked the thole pins from their sockets and rowed superbly westward.

Ordinarily these two expert fishermen would not have gone astray that day. In their instinctive fashion both noticed the sure signs of fog before it shut out the vessel; but the wires were still down—neither was going to let on by so much as the least anxious exclamation that he felt the slightest concern. Even when the fog had enveloped them, and by concerted action there was yet time to haul their trawls and make the vessel before it was too late, neither betokened, by the slightest sign, his sense of impending peril.

So, the tide carrying them beyond the sound of the horn, they let her drift. Each was cheerfully prepared to be lost and to die of hunger, thirst, exhaustion, or of all three combined, before he would speak the first word; and even later, when they could no longer doubt, with fog as impenetrable as a wall about and dark night upon them; with death, most likely, close at hand—even then they were prepared to continue the prideful silence.

During all that night their dory drifted, and neither man made a move until dawn. Then did Arnold, who seemed to be waiting only for the light, pick up the low-marked water bottle and, carefully estimating with his eye, mark the half-measure of what remained with his fingernail. Long he held the bottle aloft, ostentatiously elevated it, gagging with thirst though he was, and even clinked his cold knuckles against the glass; but Frenchie never turned to note the fair judgment. Arnold drank his religious half wrathfully and corked and set the bottle down with a rattle; whereat Frenchie turned leisurely and palpably without a look, drank what was left and tossed far away the empty bottle.

Rowing and resting—each consulting his own will as to that, but each doing manfully what he considered his share—they rowed on, night and day, and night and day again, with nothing to eat or drink, until the weary pain of it was beyond all mortal strength—certainly for Arnold, who well knew he could never last with the iron man behind him. Arnold by then had lost all count of time—whether three, four days had elapsed he could not say—but he was struggling desperately to hold out, determined not to admit himself beaten; and yet he had about made up his mind to at last quit—to say, "Frenchie, I'm done," nothing else, when...

Frenchie, his eyes half closed, saw Arnold's back lunge forward. An instant later, he saw the oars slide through the thole pins and the body fall off the seat and into the bottom of the dory. Frenchie did not slack his stroke at once; only slowly did it dawn on him that Arnold really was unconscious. His first thought was one of exultation—and so he had worn him down? But, with another glance at the inert figure, tenderness and pity flashed from him. "No!" he cried, and bent over the limp body. "But so it ees." Even then he did not address a direct remark to the sagging body, but only picked him up and laid him in the stern. Long ago they had cast away the load of fish, and a light dory rides better for a weight in the stern. So Frenchie made a pretense of arguing, ashamed to admit even to himself that he had put his mate in the stern solely because it was the least uncomfortable place in the little boat. "And good summer weather," murmured Frenchie—"and so he shall not freeze."

Two more days and a night of lonely labor and Frenchie made out a red light bearing down. Perhaps a point off his own course it was, but still a good distance away, and there might be time to place the dory directly in her course. He had hailed a sail only the night before and got no answer. No more hailing at a distance for him! "A good t'ing her wasn't her starb'd light," said Frenchie, "or I wouldn't see her so soon," and he tugged hard at the oars. "And now they must pick me up or run me down—and I not certain I care so much if she run me down, for I been damn tired."

But to be weary was not to be vanquished. No, nor near it. Long days and nights of hunger, thirst and travail on the lonely sea had not quenched his spirit. They used to say of Frenchie, on the vessel, that if ever he should come to die, he'd certainly die hard. So, "Aboard the barque!" he hailed now—"h-i-i the barque!" There was nothing of deception in that barrel chest and bull neck. T'was the rumble of an organ. "H-i-i-hi-i-i-the barque!" he hailed again, and to such effect this time that not only was the slumberous watch awakened, but the mate, having a mug of coffee for himself in the galley, came bundling out on deck before the watch could call him.

The mate peered over the side. Coming suddenly from light to dark, he could as yet see nothing clearly. "Who is it?" he bellowed.

"Me!" answered Frenchie, from his dory.

The mate again peered over the rail, leaning now far out and down. He at last made out the shadow of the little boat below. "And who're you, and what do you want?"

"I'm Gloucester...American feesher-man...strayed from my ves-

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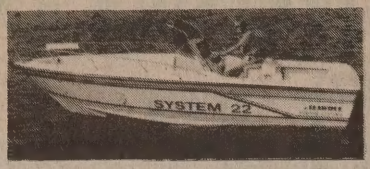

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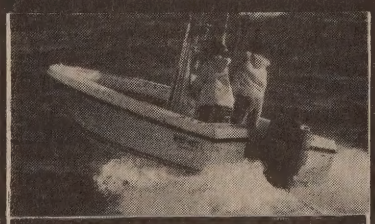

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sel in fog. And thees my dory-mate—'most dead—maybe dead. Lower your falls, plees, and hoist heem aboard."

The resolute tone of Frenchie influenced the mate to quicker action than he had intended. He called for the man on watch to help him. The tackle was unhooked and dropped over. Frenchie made the line fast about his dory-mate and anxiously observed it as the falls creaked above; and "Tak' a care...tak' a care—he most dead!" he warned in a plaintive voice, as he saw that the body was allowed to knock once or twice against the side of the barque.

"Take care? Who's doing this?" demanded the mate, and therewith, having Arnold's body aboard, he allowed it to drop roughly to the deck; and "Come on, you, and hurry," he added, as he lowered the falls again.

"Yes, yes, but not so fast. Now, then, a'right—hoist away."

The men above tugged at the leads. The mate, noting what slow progress they were making, peered over the side. He soon understood what was wrong. "The blasted derelict! He's made fast his boat, too!" Man and dory were being hoisted together. "What in the devil's name does he think—we're stevedores?" and he let slip the after falls.

Down splashed the stern of the dory and into it rushed the sea. It was up to Frenchie's knees in a moment, and, the men continuing to hoist, the bow of the dory was rearing up. Frenchie, barely grasping the bow falls in time, began to climb, hand over hand to the rope and feet to the side of the barque. A moment later, he was on deck, but such work!

"Cast off!" ordered the mate. "And you—get below, you!" he barked at Frenchie, who was gazing over the side at his dory, now filled and drifting away, and almost sobbing as he gazed.

"You should not do that. Not right—not right—a beau-ti-ful do-ree, and four tubs fine trawl!" He repeated the words sadly.

"Blast you and your trawls—go below!"

"Oh, yes, I go below." Frenchie leaned against the rail for a moment. "You skipper?"

"No, I'm not skipper. He's below and asleep—and knows better than to wake easy or interfere when it's my watch. But go below, or I'll..."

Frenchie raised a deprecating hand. "Oh, oh—no need, sair"—and he stooped to lift his dory-mate. Arnold moaned as Frenchie raised him from the deck, and "Gra-a—" gurgled Frenchie, and he turned to carry him below; and, as on the vessel he and Arnold bunked in the cabin, so now he headed for the after deck of the barque.

"Come out of that—for'ard with you!" spluttered the mate. But Frenchie, by that time was carefully descending the cabin steps with never a notion of turning back.

He laid Arnold on the nearest locker. Arnold groaned; Frenchie patted the haggard cheeks. "Steady, boy—steady! Soon you be all fixed up." For the first time since they had put out from Gloucester, he touched Arnold with unrestrained tenderness, and the act gave him joy. "Hush, boy, hush!—you soon have the good hot coffee."

"Say it again—the good hot what?"

Frenchie looked up. The mate was at his shoulder, his eye gleaming satirically. "The good hot **what** did you say?"

"Coffee," repeated Frenchie. "He 'most dead. One, two, three"—he counted on his fingers—"seex, maybe seven days, seven nights, astray in hees do-ree. You been astray ever—not'ing to eat, not'ing to drink! He 'most dead, I say."

"And s'pose he **was** dead altogether—who's in command here? You damn Gloucesterm'n, it's just like one of you to think you c'n jump aboard here in the middle of the night and step into the officer's cabin and give orders. But not here, you don't. Maybe you c'n do that under your fast-and-loose American-manned, but not aboard this ship. Here"—he slid back a door in the bulkhead partition—"here's where you chaps go."

Frenchie peered in. What he saw was the hold of the barque, black and forbidding, piled high with coal. "In there?" Frenchie shook his head. "For me, ver' good; for my doree-mate, no. He need hot coffee and bunk. And hot coffee and bunk he **shall** have. Shall have, I say." Frenchie articulated those precise words with exceeding distinctness. "And right away—at once, I say. No?" Then, thanking the good God for the strength which all men said was his in abundance, he rolled back his sleeves. The uncovered forearms loomed round, bronzed, and abnormal in development. Small wonder he could row a dory. "Hot coffee for my doree-mate, I say. You hear?" And, his veins swelling large, he was about to leap on the mate when the cabin boy, awakened from his sleep, stepped into the light. Frenchie spied him. What need to fight, after all? "Get hot coffee and mak' up bunk—a good bunk for my shipmate. Jump! Or I lick you, too!"

The boy looked to the mate.

"Oh, you want heem to give order?" Frenchie grimaced frightfully. "Well, in one moment he shall order. Geeve him order. No?" The battle was on. An immense creature was the mate, but of no high energy behind the vast muscles, nothing of the fiber of this wild man who had come aboard in the night, and who now, like a demon, saying never a word, but smashing, griping, throttling, using fingers, fists, elbows, knees—anything—head, shoulders—went at him, and soon made a mess of him. In five or six minutes it may have been, the big glowering hulk had been reduced to a groveling, bloody mess that sought to draw itself into the remotest corner of

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the cabin, to shrink itself into the seams of the planking, by way of the caulking, as it were.

When there came no further oaths or words of abuse, Frenchie bent his head. "Well?" he asked, and relaxed the terrible fingers that the mate might speak the word.

"Coffee—hot—and biscuit," gurgled the mate to the cabin boy.

"And bunk?"

"And a bunk—two bunks."

"No—one bunk. The coal in hold plenty good for me," said Frenchie; and on the coal, when Arnold had come to life again and was tucked away in a bunk, he laid himself with heartfelt thanks. Bon Dieu, but he was tired.

A long time Frenchie slept. The light of morning was flooding the companionway when he slid back the door in the bulkhead and stepped into the cabin. There was a pot of coffee on the cabin table and beside it some biscuits, to which, without seeking anybody's leave, he helped himself as naturally as if he were aboard his own vessel.

He ate all the biscuits on the table and with them took four cups of coffee and would have taken more but that no more remained in the pot; after which, with sublime feelings in his heart, he ran up the companionway and all but bowled over a man that he guessed to be the master of the barque, as he leaped onto the deck.

It was a large but somewhat weak-looking man, who gazed admiringly and waved his hand pleasantly as Frenchie was about to apologize.

"You skipper?"

"In the ship's papers I'm so rated." Then, almost irrelevantly, he asked, "You don't happen to want a second-mate's berth, do you?"

"I'm feesher-man."

"I know—I wasn't altogether asleep last night. You're the quality for second mate and you won't have to bother much with navigation. The mate will be most of your concern—just polish him off once in awhile. Six or seven days astray, you say?"

"Seex or sev'n— hard to say—yes, sair."

"Lord, the things you could have done, if you'd been fresh!—this morning, for instance."

"This morn!" Frenchie took a full breath and threw his head toward the blue sky. "This morn!" and, looking ahead, he saw where the horizon lumped like a row of low clouds. "Land? So 'tees—yes. Ah-h—" and suddenly he leaped off the poop and ran forward. "Georgie!"

Arnold, who was leaning over the bow devouring the land with his eyes, did not hear Frenchie's approach; and the latter, as he drew nearer, found himself overcome with the strangest feelings. Perhaps Arnold would not speak to him even now. He stood shy and silent, till Arnold, turning casually, saw him and catching the rare look in his shipmate's eyes, could no longer restrain himself. "Hullo, Frenchie!"

Frenchie felt ashamed—to think that he thought Arnold would not speak to him. "Hullo, Georgie!" and he smiled foolishly.

Then both were silent. It was almost as if they were in the dory again, with their grim wills in control. But Frenchie had been making up his mind all along the length of the deck, and he was not to be overcome now. "How you feel, Georgie? A leetle tired, boy—yes?"

"A little, Frenchie. But if it hadn't been for you, I cal'late I'd be more than tired. I'd be dead and gone."

Frenchie fingered the collar of his flannel shirt. "Spick sense, Georgie—spick sense."

"That's sense. And, Frenchie—"

"Yes?"

Arnold looked fearfully at his mate. "Frenchie, 'bout that night down to Long Beach. Why, Frenchie, I had no more notion of tryin' to cut in on you than of—oh, all I saw was a girl that looked 's if she was waitin' for somebody—I'd no notion who for—and I butts in. And when you walked by—why,'f I'd known 'twas for you shd'd been waitin'..."

Frenchie laid a hand on his shipmate's arm. "Her? Georgie—boy, forget her. Wat one pretty red-head girl, Georgie, between shipmates?" And so, reunited, they leaned over the bow and gazed fondly at the looming shore of their own country.

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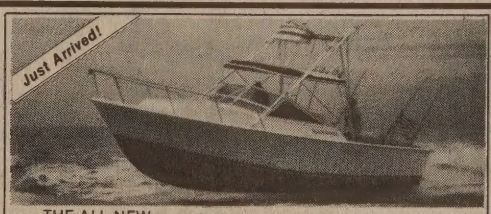

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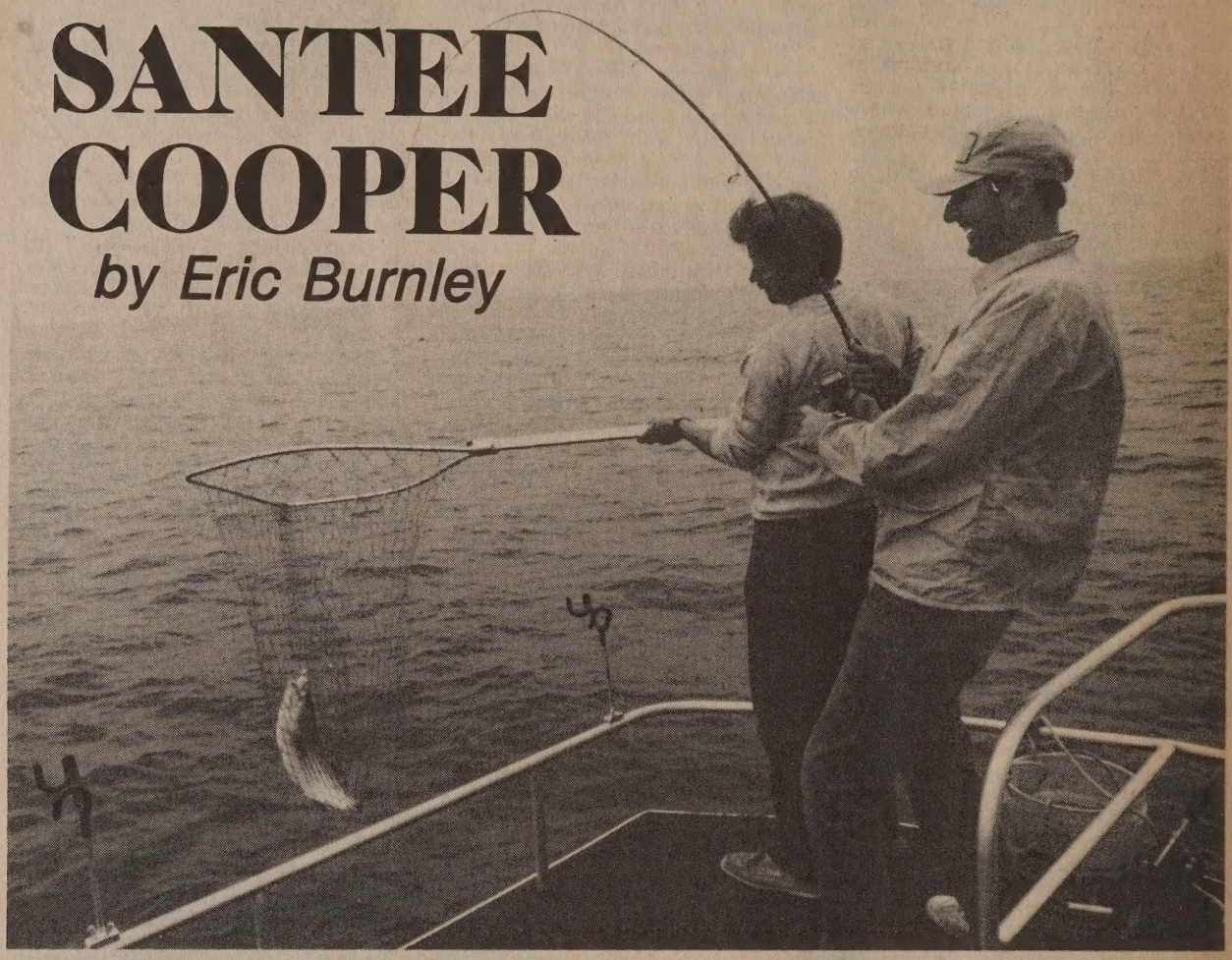


Have you ever had one of those trips when everything went perfectly? Well last fall I traveled down to Santee, South Carolina with a group of outdoor writers and the entire experience was as close to perfect as a fishing trip can be.

We flew down on Eastern Airlines with some of us leaving from Newark, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, LaGuardia and Albany, New York. The folks at Eastern arranged our flights so we would all arrive in Charleston, South Carolina within an hour of each other. The flights were all on time, but some of the writers were late and missed their plane. I said it was as close to perfect as a fishing trip can be.

Those of us who arrived on time went immediately to Randolph's Landing on Lake Marion for some striped bass fishing. We were met by two guides, Gus Woodham and Stuart McMeans, who loaded us on a pontoon boat and headed for the fishing grounds.

Lake Marion was formed when a dam was built across the Santee River to provide hydroelectric power to this part of the country. The lowlands that were to be flooded contained a great deal of timber and this was being harvested when World War II broke out. It was decided to close the gates before all the trees were cut down due to a lack of manpower and the immediate need for electricity. The lower end of the lake is now a flooded forest with trees sticking up everywhere. Naturally, this is where the striped bass live and this is where our guides were going to take us.

Striped bass are taken by two methods. The first requires a supply of live bait, usually small shad, which are live lined or as they call it down there, drift fishing. The second method is to wait until the rockfish start breaking on the surface, then run over to the area and cast white bucktails. Sounds like fun until you remember the trees. The locals run through that half submerged forest like Walter Peyton going through the Tampa Bay defense. Visitors, such as I, do best to look at the sky or just close your eyes and grab a PFD.

On this particular evening we were going to try live lining and bucktailing. No sooner had the baits gone over the side than a school of stripers started breaking 200 yards away. Up came the baits and off we went through the trees. The pontoon boat stopped just short of the fish as a half dozen bucktails hit the water. Two or three anglers were into fish, I was into one of the trees. By the time I got the lure free the blitz was over and we went back to bait.

When the next school showed we were on them much quicker and I managed to put a 6 or 7 pounder in the boat. The fish were definitely feeding on the surface so we left the baits in the boat and spent the rest of the evening chasing rockfish all over the lake. The birds will give you a warning that the rock are going to come up, so if you can spot their action ahead of time you can get to the fish while they are still tearing up the bait. A pair of binoculars are quite helpful for this especially in the fading light of late afternoon or early morning when the stripers are most active.

The tackle you will use for Santee-Cooper rockfish is the same as you

would use for largemouth bass. A medium weight rod and reel capable of holding 200 yards of 12 pound line. Spinning or bait casting work equally well. Most of the bucktails used here are half ounce white or yellow with a white rubber worm or Sassy Shad.

We arrived back at the dock after dark with a dozen and a half good sized striped bass. With a moratorium on in most eastern states it was gratifying to be in an area where rockfish are still a viable recreational resource.

The next day I was scheduled to do some catfishing with one of the world's most renowned experts on this sport, Mr. Al Ristori. We departed Jack's Marina about 8AM with guide Dean Geddings. The target for the day was a catfish of bragging proportion but we began by stocking up on some of lesser size.

The guide also did a bit of commercial catfishing so he had a fair idea of where these fish hung out. The first place we stopped was over a hill on the bottom and the first cast produced a nice size cat.

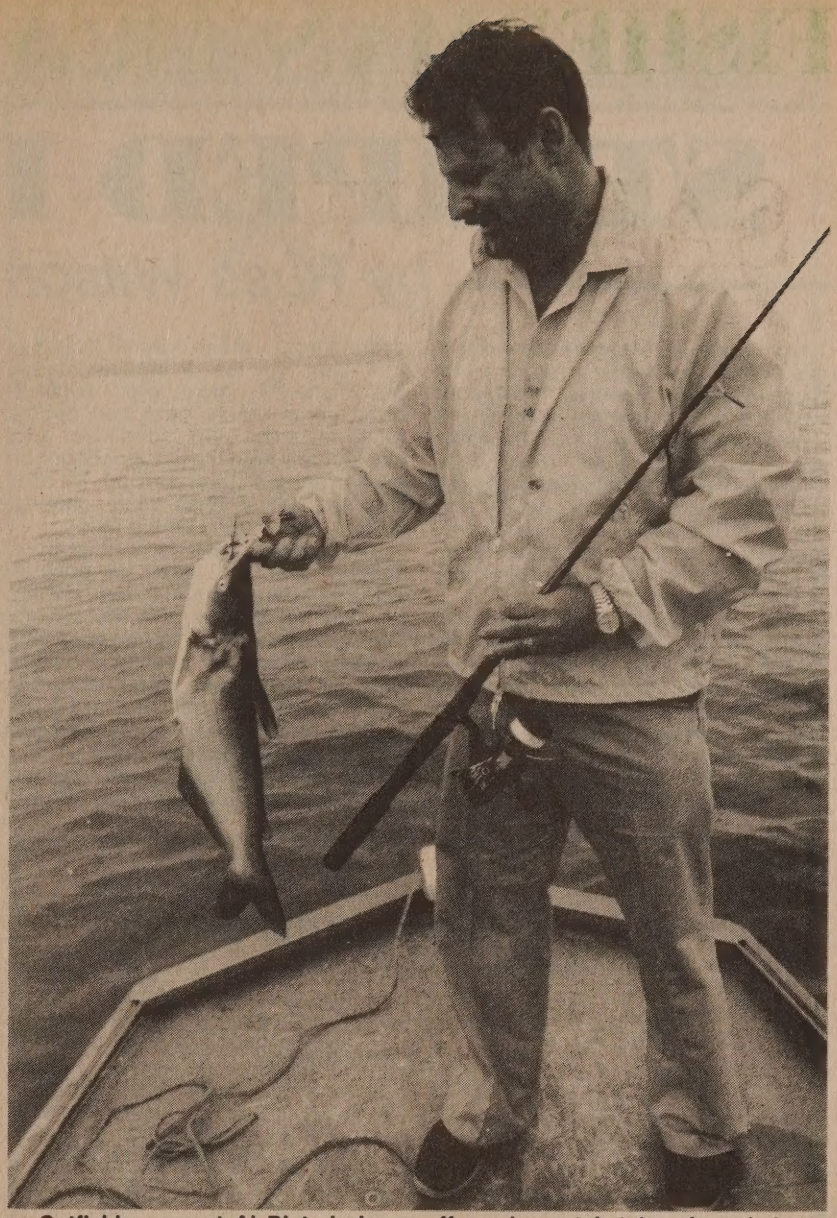
The rig was as simple as you can get. A single snelled #1 hook tied about six inches above a one ounce sinker. No leader; just tie everything directly to your 12 to 14 pound line. Our guide preferred shrimp for bait, but others used cut fish, liver, stink baits or live bait fish.

Al was one of the fellows who missed the plane in New Jersey, so he had also missed out on the excellent striped bass fishing we enjoyed the previous evening. As luck would have it Al was not be to be denied his stripers. We were sitting in the middle of the lake peacefully pulling in catfish when the surface exploded and birds began diving on feeding rockfish. Expecting a quiet catfish trip I had left my tackle box at the dock and I didn't have any bucktails. Al dug through his carry-all bag and came up with a white bucktail trimmed with a white rubber worm. The stripers stayed on top long enough for Al to tie on his lure, make one cast and connect with a fish. Some call it skill, some call it luck.

Naturally, Al only had one white bucktail but I did find a Sassy Shad in motor oil fleck and gave it a try. On the second or third cast, I had a solid hit and after a good tussle we netted a 5 lb. catfish. I caught a couple more cats by slowly bouncing the jig off the bottom with a small piece of shrimp as a sweetener.

We didn't get any monster catfish that day but there are plenty of them in these waters. The Santee-Cooper lakes have blue and flathead cats that easily top the 50 lb. mark, with some possibly bigger.

The big catfish are taken with live bait such as white perch, sunfish or crappies. These are lowered to the bottom when a big cat is located using an LCR or chart recorder. Most of these fish hold very tight to structure such as trees or old buildings on the bottom.



Catfishing expert Al Ristori shows off a prize catch taken from Lake Marion on shrimp bait.

On this particular trip I didn't do any largemouth bass fishing but other members of our party did enjoy some fine sport with these fish. The weather was quite warm for November and the big bucketmouths were scarce but smaller fish of 1 or 2 lbs. seemed to be under every lily pad or behind every tree.

Others in the group went in for some panfishing and here the action was non-stop. Crappies, white perch, white bass and sunfish are not only numerous but also quite large. We had a fine meal of deep fried crappie at Goat Island Restaurant and each of those fish without head or tail were as big as my hand.

In addition to the fine fishing Santee-Cooper Country also offers some of the best hunting available anywhere. The deer season runs from August to January and you can take one buck a day. The quail hunting is excellent either on preserves or on public land. The quail on the preserves are put out weeks before you hunt them and act exactly like wild birds. Add to this all the fine food and southern hospitality the region is famous for and you have a place that is perfectly suited for a fishing and hunting vacation.

Should you choose to drive down to Santee simply get on I-95 south to Exit 98 in South Carolina. It is about 600 miles from the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

I definitely suggest a guide for your initial fishing trip. Not only will he steer you around the trees, he will also put you on the fish. If you bring your own boat there are plenty of launch ramps located all around the lake so after you get the lay of the land you can set out on your own.

THE TERMINAL END:

STRIPED BASS

by Russ Wilson

The striped bass, *Morone saxatilis*, is one of the most highly prized of all inshore saltwater species. Most surf, jetty and boat fishermen have, at one time or another, spent time fishing for the "King of the Surf." Many dedicated surf and jetty anglers place the "striper" above all other species and will go to the extreme of fishing only for bass rather than waste time trying to catch lesser, although often more plentiful, inshore fish.

We can certainly understand why fishing for linesiders can be addictive, having spent the better part of 20 yars chasing bass, and being fortunate enough to catch a few. We, too, have suffered through a serious case of striped bass addiction.

The excitement of hooking a trophy size striper from the beach or when casting from a moss covered jetty is a thrill that will last a lifetime. Some bass fishermen have never caught a bass, some others have had opportunity to tangle with "schoolies" and a select few hold the distinct honor of having caught dozens of 30, 40 and even 50 pound bass when casting lures or bait into foaming surf.

The striped bass is a migratory species and will leave its coastal estuary waters to journey north along the Atlantic Seaboard in the spring. Throughout the summer and early fall, stripers will feed heavily in New England waters. As water temperatures begin to cool, the urge to migrate returns and most of the bass will retrace their spring route.

The fall months are peak time for catching bragging size bass. Many saltwater fishermen will forget work, family and all other less important things when the fall migration is under way. This is a time of plenty and, perhaps, the finest period of the season for catching larger bass that are moving south as they follow the vast hordes of smaller forage fish, feeding as they travel to their home waters.

It is possible to find some striped bass most anywhere along the Atlantic Coast from Nova Scotia to Florida. However, most Fisherman Magazine readers will focus on the coastal waters between Maine and Chesapeake Bay, or will fish the estuaries that normally harbor stripers on a year-round basis.

Probably the most prolific striper river today is the Hudson. Each year for the past decade the Hudson has enjoyed good spawning seasons. It is these fish which are currently providing most of the action for anglers who fish north of Barnegat Inlet in New Jersey.

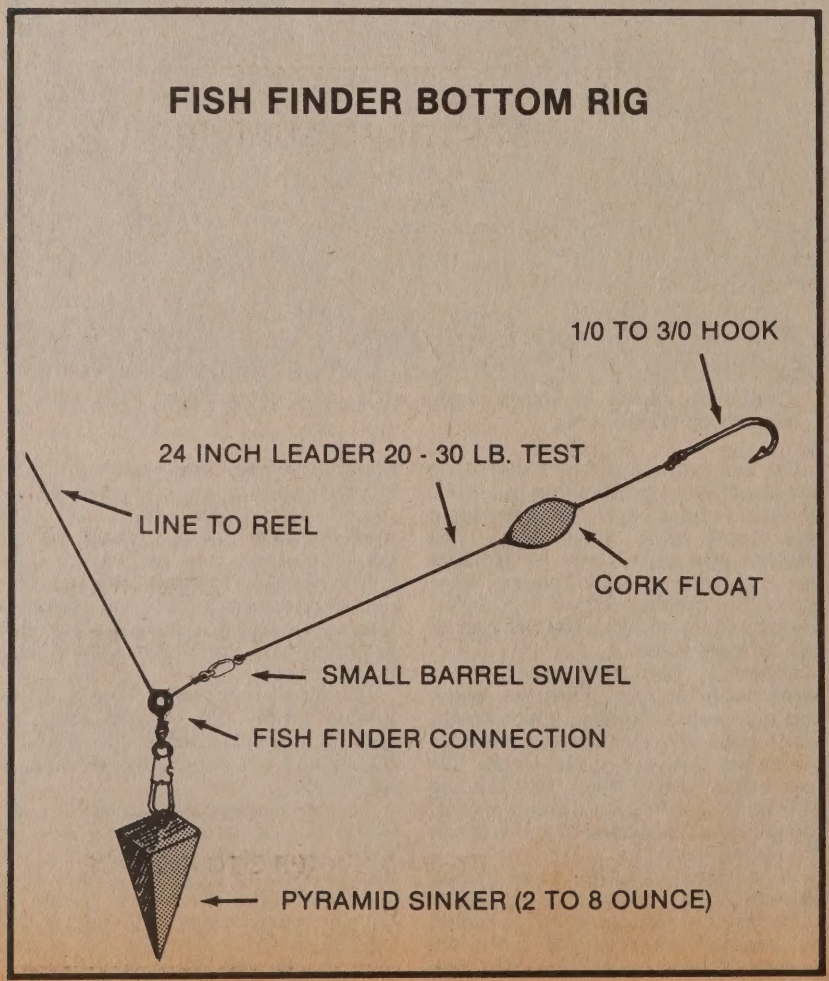
There are severe regulations being imposed on the catching of striped bass to protect the remaining stocks. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (for all striped bass from the 1982 year class) has suggested a 33 inch minimum size regulation to be imposed immediately in order to preserve the 1982 female stripers so they can return to the Chesapeake Bay and spawn.

At the moment, each coastal state has its own set of regulations regarding the taking of striped bass. Anyone who plans to fish specifically for stripers should consult the fish and game laws of their state to avoid the possibility of breaking the law!

The striped bass is a fish of the shallows. Most experienced bass fishermen will concentrate efforts on inshore areas where water depths do not exceed 50 feet. This does not mean you cannot catch stripers from deeper waters, only that the majority of bass will inhabit reasonably shallow inshore waters or will set up residence in the coastal estuary system.

A beautifully marked fish, the striped bass has a dark green back, shading to silvery on the sides and white on the belly. Seven black stripes run down each side, hence the name striper.

It is possible to catch stripers from coastal waters that measure only 10 to 12 inches in length and weigh less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than a pound. This is the exception. Most bass taken from shore area waters will measure 20 to 40 inches in length and will weigh between 6 and 30 pounds.

A 40 inch bass will average around 20 pounds and a 50 inch bass should tip the scales at 45 to 50 pounds. Once stripers attain 50 inches in depth, they become deeper in the body and some fish that measure only 50 inches may weigh as much as 60 pounds or more.

Striped bass of up to 125 pounds have been taken by commercial netters. The current world record for striped bass is 78½ pounds and is held by Albert R. McReynolds. McReynolds caught his record breaker when casting a plug from a jetty at Atlantic City, New Jersey during a northeast storm on September 21, 1982.

Bass are gluttonous feeders and will eat most smaller fish including menhaden (bunker), herring, sand launce, spearing, rainfish, mackerel, sea bass, winter flounder, blackfish, bergalls, snapper bluefish, eels and most any other fish they can catch. A lot of bait fishermen also find clams, crabs, sea worms and squid are very effective for catching bass from beach or boat.

For this reason alone, there are hundreds of effective rigs that will catch stripers. When using live baits such as mackerel, herring (alewives), bunker or live eels, larger hooks are suggested. Clams, whole crabs or multiple sea worms also require a specific model hook. Anglers who use smaller live baits such as sand launce (sand eel) or slender baitfish such as spearing, anchovies or rainfish will find they must go to a finer wire hook in order not to injure the bait.

The rigs that will be illustrated this week have been tested through many years by experienced striper fishermen. There are many, many other excellent rigs currently being marketed, but these will do for a start and should get any potential striper angler off to a good start.

Standard Surf Rig: This rig has been around for decades. It was the first bait rig we used and caught a lot of bass as well as many other inshore fish that feed on or near bottom. Very easy to tie, this rig is used when baiting with clam, crab or cut fish.

You need not be fancy when tying this rig. Start off by attaching a small three way swivel to the end of your line, a clinch knot will do just fine.

Anglers who use spinning tackle can add a small ball bearing swivel to cut down on line twist but fishermen who use conventional revolving spool reels will not need this extra hardware.

To one of the remaining eyes of the swivel tie in a short length of 10 or 15 pound test leader and attach a pyramid sinker (sinker weight will depend on tidal movement or wave action and can vary between 2 and 8 ounces). You can delete the short length of leader and use a regular

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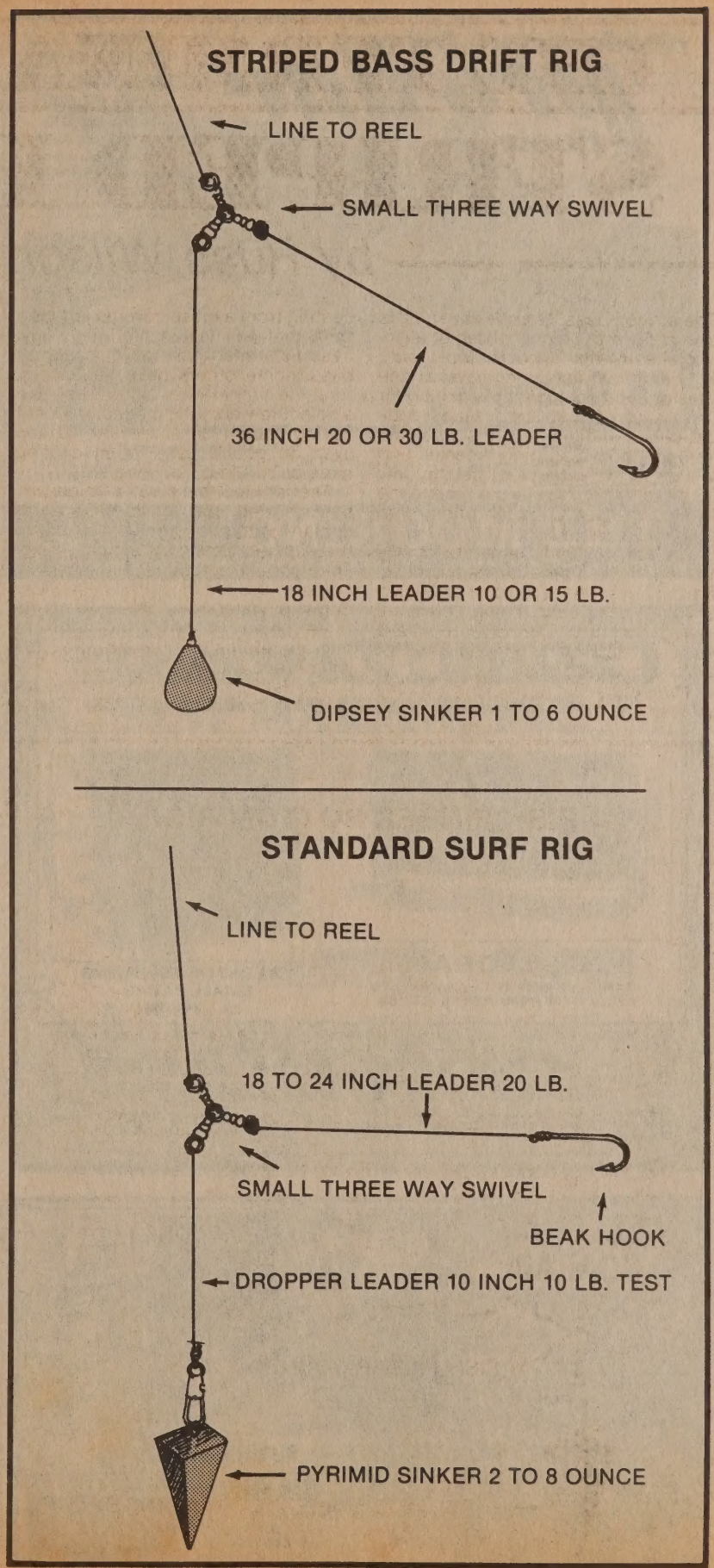
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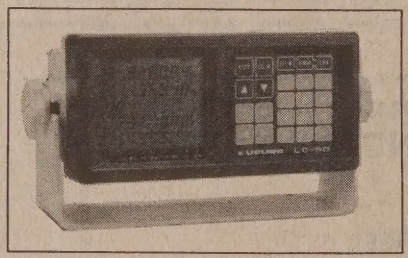

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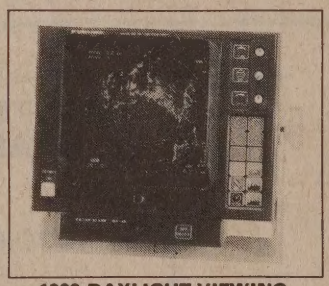

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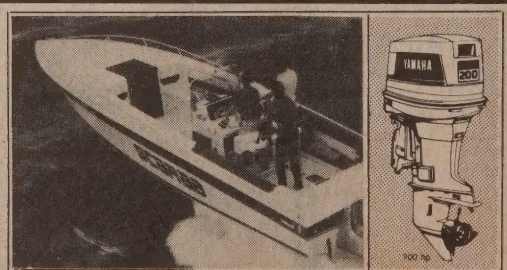

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connector off the three way. Both methods are equally effective but the short dropper leader does allow more movement of the baits.

When baiting with whole clam or crab you will need a rather large hook. Most experienced baitfishermen will use a 3/0 to 6/0 beak style in gold or bronze finish. The leader should measure 18 to 24 inches to allow baits to "work" as waves push toward shore and then recede, causing the clam or crab to appear natural.

Fish-Finder Rig for Surf/Jetty Fishing: There are several excellent variations of this popular rig and each will catch stripers that are feeding in shallow waters.

Many fishermen add a second hook so they can bait with several worms to give the fish a "mouthful" while others feel it is more natural to present just one worm.

We tend to be middle of the road and will carry some rigs that have only one hook and others that have two hooks snelled in tandem.

To tie this rig start off by attaching the fish finder sleeve and sinker connector directly to your line. After sliding the fish finder onto the line, tie in a small barrel or snap swivel so the fish finder cannot slide down to the bait. Use a regular clinch knot for tying the barrel or snap swivel.

Beak style bait holder hooks, which have small barbs cut into the hook shank to keep baits firmly attached, in sizes 1/0 through 3/0 are the preferred by most knowledgeable bass fishermen who bait with sea worms. Gold or bronze models are available loose or in bulk packages of 100. The cork floats are available in a variety of colors and can be purchased at reasonable prices from most tackle shops.

An 18 to 24 inch section of 20 or 30 pound test leader is used to snell the hooks. Do not use regular fishing line for it does not have the stiffness that is needed to keep the rig from twisting back on itself and causing tangles.

We tie the leader directly to the third eye of the three way by using an improved clinch knot but others use a perfection loop and slip it through the swivel to make a strong connection. Either method will work, but the clinch knot does cut down on the time it takes to tie the rig.

When baiting with sand worms it is advisable to hook them only once, through the mouth and out the head, so they hang off the hook in a near natural fashion and will "swim" as wave motion moves them back and forth.

Blood worms are much tougher than sands and can be hooked twice so they do not come off the hook when cast but still look natural to the fish.

The cork is standard and will keep the worms off bottom and out of reach of pesky bait stealing crabs, and smaller fish. As noted, there are many different colors available. Some fishermen use only red while others find the brighter color corks seem to

produce more hits. Yellow is a personal favorite because of its fish attracting quality.

The cork float is an important part of this rig. It should be slid down the leader so it is only a few inches above the bait and will cause the worm to float up and off bottom. If you neglect to place the cork in this position it will not accomplish the job it is intended to do and that is to keep the baits away from bait stealers.

If you do not learn any other rig for fishing bait from the surf or off the coastal rock piles and inlets, make sure you master this one for it will serve you well under many different situations when fishing for a variety of inshore fish.

Striped Bass Drift Rig: There are many ways to use this type rig when fishing natural baits. It was originally tied for use with sand or blood worms and is most often the choice among experienced bass fishermen who do their fishing from a drifting boat.

However, in recent years some savvy bass anglers have found different uses for the drift rig. Live herring, bunker or mackerel can be presented at extreme depths just by changing the hook size and attaching a heavier sinker. Quite often bigger stripers will inhabit deep channels and the drift rig is the best way to drop a live bait to the depth being inhabited by hungry bass.

The rig itself, is basic and very easy to tie. Start off by tying a small three way to your casting line.

To one of the remaining eyes of the three way attach a 15 to 18 inch length of 10 pound test monofilament and tie in a loop at the opposite end. This is where you will attach the sinker (most anglers prefer the dipsey style sinker for drift fishing).

To the third eye of the three way you will attach, via an improved clinch knot, the leader from your hook. Most of the regulars at drift fishing for stripers use a 20 or 30 pound test leader of 36 to 42 inches for snelling the hook.

When fishing worms you will need a smaller beak style hook in size 2, 2/0 or 3/0. Live baits such as herring, bunker or mackerel will naturally require a bigger hook. We like short shank tuna style hooks in 5/0 through 7/0 for drift fishing with large live baits but will opt for a slightly smaller tuna style hook when using live spot, tinker mackerel, winter flounder or small herring during the fall months.

Live baits should be hooked lightly through the nose so they will remain lively. Do not insert the hook through the lips for this will kill the bait. Most fish breath by opening and closing their mouth. When a hook is placed so it keeps the mouth closed, it also cuts off the oxygen supply and in a matter of minutes will kill even the most lively bait.

As previously mentioned, sand worms must be attached by inserting the hook into the mouth and bringing it back out through the head, which is the toughest part of a sand worm.

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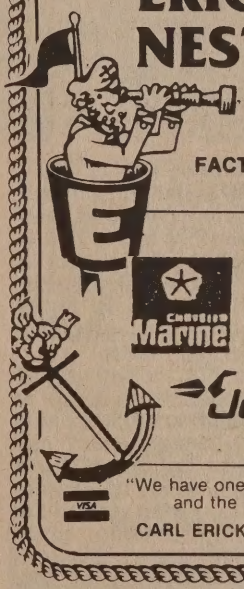

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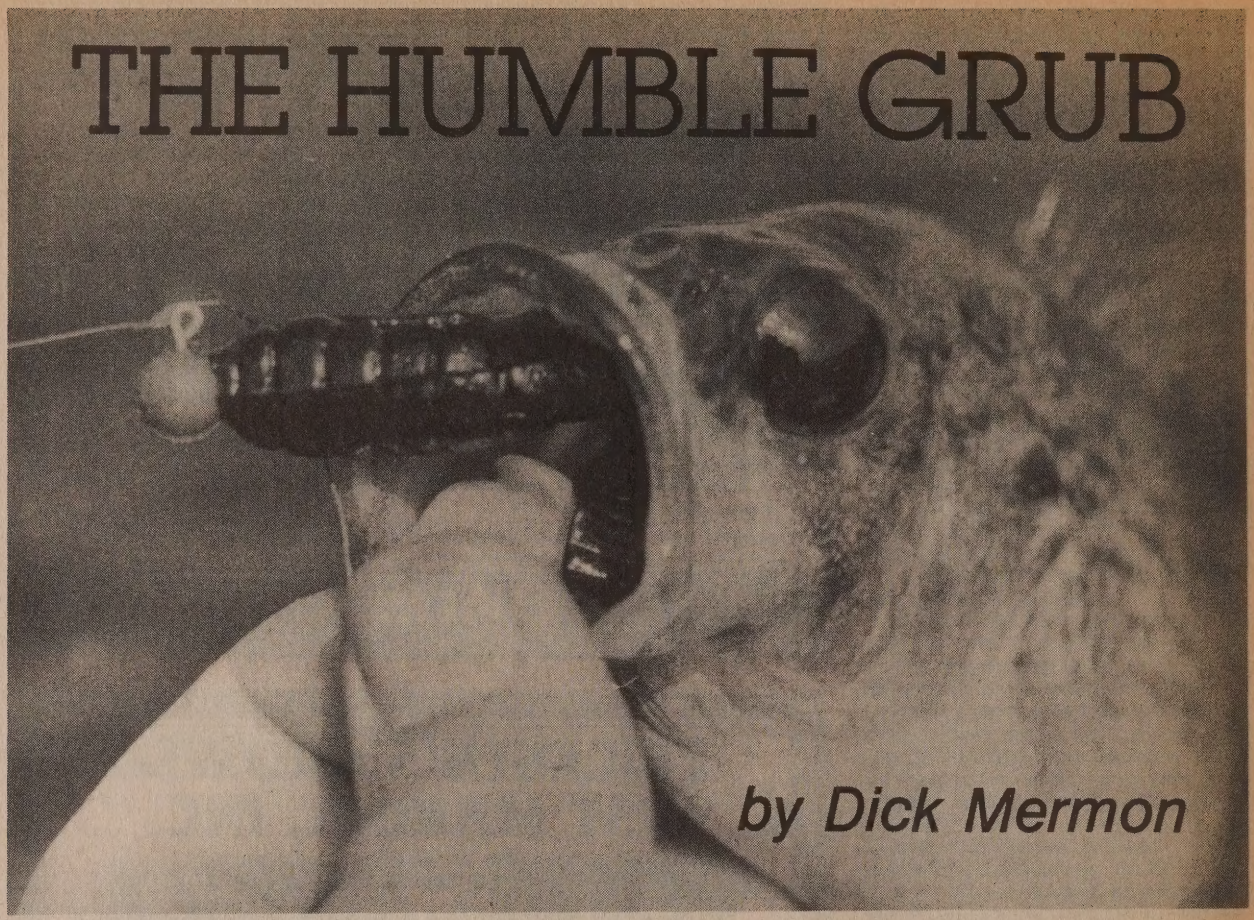

by Dick Mermon

With the multitude of lures accessible on today's market for angling use, most fishermen single out the one most pleasing to the eye, rather than one fancied by a fish. We try to match identity of what we see to that of a fish's eye view. However, no one truly knows just what our piscatorial creatures imagine when they come upon an unnatural bait. One of these outrageous artificials that resemble nothing natural in the angling world is the "grub," or "grubtail jig."

Born from a discarded soft plastic worm's tail, its purpose was targeted mostly for panfish, such as crappie, perch, red eye (rock bass), bluegill and sunfish. Suddenly, it became determined by some anglers that this little piece of plastic bait was also conducive to other freshwater gamesters like bass, walleye, northern pike, pickerel and even catfish. Hence, the heat was on! As the word spread among anglers, a few salty fishermen began experimenting in their environment and found the baits equally effective. Since their existence, the grub's body shape has remained similar with all manufacturers. Only the tail section changed, altering the action of each lure.

Mann's Bait Company, one of the first to recognize the value of this oddball lure, offers its own particular rendition of a grubtail called "Sting Ray Grub," which has remained the same since its origin. Slightly starchy in texture and thickness compared to other grubs, the Sting Ray is one of the few lures well suited for saltwater species and toothy critters, as well. The spade-shaped tail is the enticement. When employed flat, or parallel to the bottom, the grub skips along provocatively. If the lure is rigged with its tail vertical, it will zigzag back and forth in a darting motion.

Mister Twister had its own version of grub which was similar in design to that of Mann's, but somewhat pliant in composition. The tail itself had been formulated to that of a beaver's tail, thin, flat and wide. Its suppleness and flexibility is what created the action, producing fluttering vibrations. Then, for some unknown reason, the manufacturing of this grub style was discontinued, being replaced by what Mister Twister calls the modern adaption, "Sassy Grub." The body conformation is as the old model, only the tail has been altered. Where once a flat beavertail extended, now sustains a diagonally placed button-shaped tail.

Creme, "The Original Plastic Worm" Company, still maintains its fundamental grub lure called "Scally Wag," in the 4 inch length. Here, instead of the flat, spade-like, or button shaped tail, it supports a slender ribbon effect length of soft plastic, in a curlicue scheme. When this grub is retrieved, not only does it develop a rippling, swimming shimmy, but it dispatches high sounding tremors, extremely enchanting to all fish species.

Unappetizing as these grubtails may look to fishermen, they are ceaseless fish catchers when employed within definite locations and for specific species if rigged appropriately. Grubs are manipulated in conjunction with lead jig heads usually weighing 1/8 or 1/4 ounces. Even in water depths of 20 feet, a 1/4 ounce leadhead grub jig can reach bottom quite rapidly in slow currents. Line weight (pound test) or line thickness, helps determine just how fast the grub will reach bottom. Although the soft plastic artificial can be rigged with a heavier weight, a lighter lead-jig creates a more suitable and tempting gesture, especially if worked near submerged weeds, or along a rocky bottom.

A single grub can formulate several different retrieve movements depending upon the actual placement on the lead-head and tail positioning. This particular lure is basically designed to be fished on bottom. To fashion a leaping, bouncing action, the grubtail is hooked so the flat tail is horizontal. When the rod tip is twitched in short jerks, the artificial hops in small leaps, depending how hard the line is pulled. If more bounce is desired without lifting the rod tip higher or harder, the grub's body is slid further onto the hook, so it actually bends slightly upwards on the hook's contour. In this fashion, the lure now has a tendency to leap higher off bottom

in a more direct upwards movement, shortening the distance between touch downs. When placing the grub onto the hook, caution must be directed to the tail's disposition and be fully horizontal. If off the slightest bit, angle-wise, the grub will flip, or spin as it is brought forward. For a straight retrieve, without any bounce, skip or jump, the grub's body is merely affixed so the tail is positioned vertically. Here, too, it must be absolutely straight up and down, or it too will spin. Even the Twister Grub, with its button design tail can cause problems if not placed correctly onto the hook's shank.

Grubtails are the choice lures for bass in the Hudson River during the spring of the year and into the early summer. The lure is fished very slow on bottom where both large and smallmouths feed and it is due to the lack of vegetation that they seek bottom forage. The grub is also one of the best artificial's used in Lake George and the St. Lawrence River (Thousand Islands) and anywhere there are smallmouth bass. On Long Island, there are several locations where this mini-bait is acceptable. Among them, Fort Pond, Laurel Lake, Forge Pond (Peconic River), Patchogue Mill Pond, Wantagh Lakes (Twin Ponds), and Wildwood Lake.

Freshwater fish do not have a monopoly on grubtail jigs, for there are many marine varieties which are hoodwinked by their seductiveness. Sea trout are very susceptible to the soft plastic artificial, as are fluke, bluefish, sea bass and even a blackfish will take a swipe at it. Almost every sub-tropical and tropical saltwater species have become responsive to grubtail jigs and it would be advisable to carry an assortment when traveling into that type of environment. Another good reason for a quantity of lures to be had is their persistance in snagging bottom. Since they are to be fished where the debris is, they do find the hidden obstacles quite readily and break-offs are common.

Angling with grubs takes an acute feel. Fish do not assault the lure with tremendous force as one would expect; they simply inhale it gingerly. The strike is a slight "tick" on the rod tip when the lure is bounced on bottom. If being retrieved straight forward, the lure stops dead, as if hooked on some underwater obstacle. Actually, freshwater fish strike a grub in its initial descent, whereas marine species take it skipped on bottom. Both locations call for undivided alertness to line motion and perception by touch.

Since its original formation, the grub-jig has had many new renditions added from the super soft body to a firm one with a supple tail, or even ones with split, double and triple tails. Each have their moment to shine. No matter which pattern is singled out, the grub lure should have a reserved space in every angler's tackle box.

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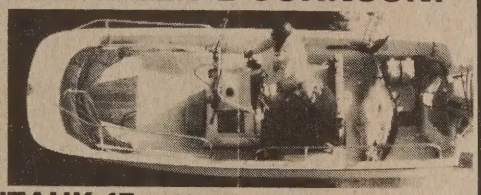

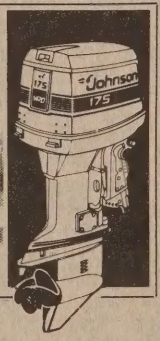

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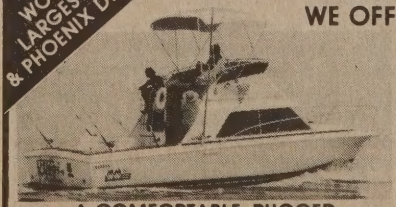

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REAL ANGLERS DON'T EAT FISH

by Carl Buxbaum

Opening day of trout season followed its predictable course: it was cold, crowded, the water was too high and murky, and I didn't catch fish. Nonetheless, the ritual had to be carried out. A week later, the weather was unseasonably warm, and by the time I walked to the stream, my hat band was wet with perspiration.

The winter layoff made me hungry to catch fish. So I conscientiously stalked the banks, eyes searching the water through polarized glasses. Then, there it was: a lone rainbow trout—15, maybe 16 inches long—poised near bottom in the middle of a deep, fast run just below a riffle. You could see the tension in his body. He was ready to eat. He rose a few inches, lunged forward and dropped back to his station; but I didn't see him mouth anything. Lord, I wanted that fish.

"Don't spook him," I thought. Quietly backing away from the bank and keeping a low profile, I walked upstream to the riffle, figuring that dropping a fly into broken water and letting it slip downcurrent would be a good way to mask the danger of a clumsy human predator. The fish wouldn't see the fly splat down, nor would he see a flash of my rod or line on the cast. The 'bow was out of sight from the new location, but I estimated that the #8 marabou leech must have glided right by his nose, on at least a couple of casts. Maybe I wasn't getting deep enough; a second split shot was clamped just above the tippet knot. Still nothing. He was probably gone, hiding under a log somewhere.

I crept downstream for a look and he was in the same spot, poised. The next cast was made directly across stream; the leech swung toward the fish, and I stripped line to race it right by him. He darted forward, looked and slid back. Since his interest seemed sparked, I was encouraged to try once more, a little slower, before changing flies. If he couldn't be raised then, I'd rest him and try again later.

The leech fluttered right in front of his nose, passed to his left side, glided downstream behind his eye and he turned—seizing it in a flash. I had him; he was mine. I felt my heart pounding; and a bead of sweat rolled down my temple stinging my right eye.

The trout ran with the current, got below a meander in the stream, and I had to wade deep to keep him from fouling the leader in an overhanging tree at the bend. He tore through the surface and cartwheeled, stiff as a board, then stole some line. He flipped twice more—board-like—each time crashing into the water with an enormous, belly whopping thud. You could see that he was a bright fish: so pink, shiney and electric. It looked as if he were painted with neon, not dull like most hatchery fish. He'd been in the stream a long time, probably a hold-over for many seasons, maybe even wild.

"And if not for Jim, I might have strayed into the paths of "real anglers" who don't eat fish, missing much of the sport's pleasure."

He was tiring, but I was afraid he'd break off if I tried to muscle him upstream in the main flow. I let him ease back down, followed until I was below the bend, and backed closer to the bank while steering him into slow water. Backing further and unclipping the net, my feet met mud that felt like grease, shot out forward and I landed on my behind in half a foot of water and slime. That was the first trout I ever netted while sitting. He was all glittery and irridescent in the net and bigger than he at first looked. He was fat and measured a bit over 19 inches.

An internal crisis built as I sat there about to release my first fish of the year—and such a grand one, too. I'd been brought up in the culture that said a fish like that was too good to be caught just once; it should live to fight again. But I had a powerful urge to keep the fish and this overwhelming feeling that a fish like that was also too good to put back.

Over the years the primary use of my creel had become that of a convenient lunch box and camera bag. The only trout I'd kept were badly injured; but this one was lightly hooked on a barbless fly which was already safely removed. Impulsively, I grabbed a stone, rapped the fish with one hard blow on the head, and laid it on shore. I emptied the creel—sticking my lunch in the back pouch of my vest and hanging the camera around my neck—and soaked its burlap-like shell in the stream. I shove the trout inside, but the darn thing wouldn't fit. His tail stuck out at one corner like some stigma that marked me as a meat fisherman, a glutton, a sinner. I felt guilty; I felt stupid about feeling guilty. I stopped fishing and prayed nobody would see that great flag of a tail as I slinked to the car.

At home, my wife admired the rainbow—noting its spectacular color, which had only barely faded and his beefiness—and laughed when I exposed my feelings of guilt by saying, "It's a pity to kill such a great fish." I felt a little better after that and got into meticulously cleaning him, enjoying every prolonged step of the process. His flesh was clear, firm, pristine and felt pleasant to the hands. I lingered in the kitchen to watch Brooke prepare and cook him according to one of her own special recipes. On the dinner plate, the fish was still beautiful. The meat pulled away from the bones just right; it was delicious; and I was somehow more complete for eating **my** trout. For the first time since I was a kid, I really understood what Nelson Bryant meant when he wrote that he felt sorry for anglers who wouldn't eat their fish "...because they are missing a most important part of the angling ritual and might be likened to a man who has successfully wooed a lovely woman only to ignore her when the wedding ceremony is done." Yes, killing and eating your catch is part of fishing. It completes the cycle of satisfaction and fulfillment.

Of course, some conservation measures, including catch and release, are probably necessary to sustain good fishing. But we may have overdone things by attaching a sense of snobbish disdain to the notion of

killing and eating game fish.

My friend Jim Restivo always poked fun at the snobs of angling. He died last June. And I miss him. Things he said and things he taught me—such as the fact that it takes two men, one whole day and mainly, three six packs of beer to properly smoke fish—keep running through my mind. Jim was warm, sensitive, friendly, and filled with the wisdom of his personal brand of homespun philosophy. Yet he turned a bit gritty whenever he detected pretense, haughtiness, or arrogance—especially among fishermen. To his mind, fly rodder were usually the worst offenders.

"How come," he would ask, as the fish smoked and the beer dwindled, "guys with fly rods are **anglers**, but the rest of us are **fishermen**?" He would sarcastically wonder why trout were **selective** and other fish were just **picky** or **finicky**. He'd ask, "You ever notice how you **cast** and **work** a lure, but you **present** a fly?" I learned to choose my words around Jim. Oh, I could curse all I wanted. I just couldn't "present" a fly or go "angling"—not because I feared his crusty remarks, but because he was right.

Jim and I agreed on most things, and our friendship was consequently sturdier than most. Yet he thought I released too many fish—so many that I was a borderline fishing snob, almost an "angler." According to Jim's code, a fisherman catches fish, cleans them, eats them and gives some to friends and relatives to eat. If he has taken all the fish he can handle, he stops fishing. Angling snobs, on the other hand, push ideas like catch and release to justify their fishing gluttony. It's as if they are saying, "Let's see how many fish we can hurt for fun," but always in dignified, high falutin' language, of course.

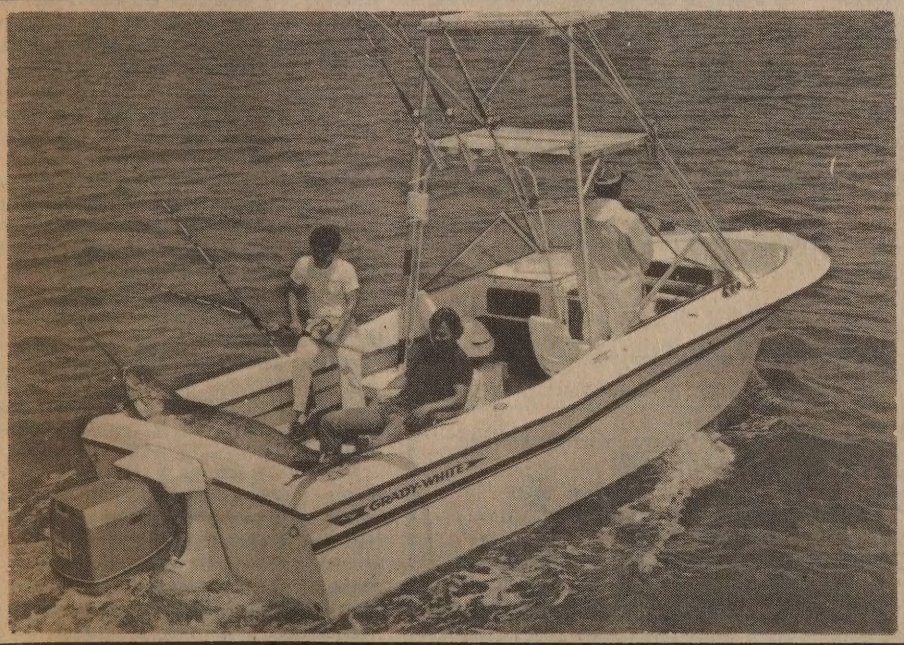
I think Jim had a hard time figuring me out. You see, he thought there were two kinds of snob: those who are born that way and those who cultivate haughtiness in order to compensate for their own feelings of inadequacy or to cover their lower class, however worthy, origins. The latter were worse, becaue they put everyone else down in order to boost their own egos. But I didn't fit neatly into either category. So Jim just kept an eye on me.

In my case it seems that I try so hard to be a good sportsman and naturalist that it's a struggle to find a balance between snobbery and reason—especially when the snobs keep beating you over the head with their self-righteous indignation. And if not for Jim, I might have strayed into the paths of "real anglers" who don't eat fish, missing much of the sport's pleasure and turning down my nose at common sense people. Certainly, it's more dignified to catch fish for food than to hurt fish for fun.

What is the right balance between killing fish and releasing them alive? That's probably something we each must decide ourselves. I'm not sure yet, but I know Jim found his answer the last time we fished the surf together.

He was slinging a tin just before dusk, and I was using a needlefish plug. (I say using because I'm not sure I can recall whether I was "working" it or "presenting" it back in November of 1985.) The needle suckered a nice bluefish, and then Jim hooked up. He was suddenly very intent and played the fish carefully as it was drawn closer to the beach. The caution was explained when I saw the fish's flank in the curl of a wave: an eating sized striper. Keepers then had to be at least 24 inches, and I teased Jim as he ceremoniously laid the bass on the beach and measured it: "Want me to stretch it a little for you?" He answered, "This one's too close to call," and he released her.

A few casts later Jim was into another striper that didn't have to be measured, a muscular, silvery and white one with those lighter color stripes that come with age. I couldn't believe my eyes when the guy who always kept every fish he could released that one, carefully reviving it and making sure it swam off strong and true. "Those jerks may be right about not killing stripers," he said, "unless they're hurt; then there isn't much sense in throwing back a fish that's about to die."



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NEW WRINKLES FOR WINTER FLOUNDER

by Gary Caputi

The weather is warming up and as we come out of the winter doldrums, so do the flounder. These smaller members of the flatfish family can stay active all winter providing some recreation when everything else is but a memory of the hot fishing this fall, but that only occurs if we are lucky enough to have a very mild winter, indeed.

No such luck this winter, although the ocean waters did stay pretty warm through December and even into early January. But spring is coming and the flounder, if they hold true to their normal habits, will become active and feed heavily before departing the bays and rivers. And that's you chance to try some of the new wrinkles that we found interesting and productive when flounder fishing this past fall. A couple of these wrinkles proved particularly effective and are worth taking a closer look at.

One Saturday in November, a fishing friend called to interrupt my yard work on a day that started looking like lousy weather, but turned into a bearable afternoon. Bill had just come out of the hospital a couple of weeks earlier after surgery for a hernia and he was climbing the walls at his house thinking about fishing. He persuaded me to come get him, along with a lawn chair, some bloodworms and a couple of fishing rods, and sneak him up to the wall in Belmar to fish from the bank for flounder for a couple of hours.

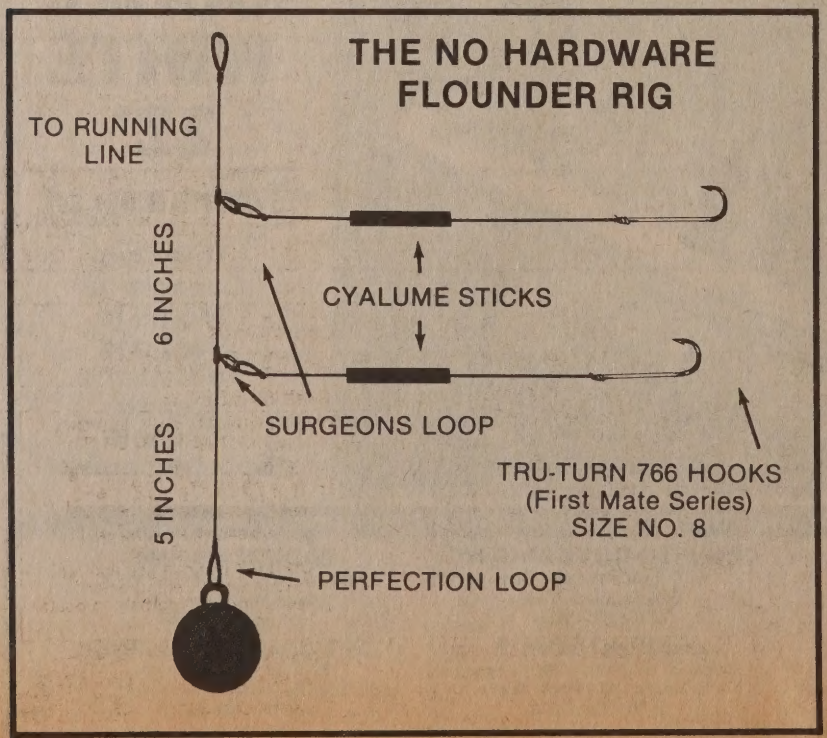
Since I was not exactly pleased with the work I had in store for the afternoon any how, it wasn't too difficult to convince me to make the arrangements, purely in the interest of aiding a poor, recuperating friend, of course. So we drove to the marine basin and parked in the municipal lot. Bill hobbled over to the wall and we baited up. I broke out something I really wanted to try on my rigs, a new product called Lunker Lights. They are small (only about an inch long) models of the Cylume Stick that many campers use, and that swordfishermen have been using for years to attract these huge fish to their baits.

I figured that if brightly colored beads are supposed to help attract flounder to the baited hooks, then a brightly colored Lunker Light, emitting its own light source, should work even better. The Lunker Lights are made in green, blue, red and yellow and the beads most flounder fishermen have used for countless years strung on their rigs are usually red and yellow, sometimes green. The Lunker Lights are small. They are mounted on the rig by using a small piece of clear tubing and running your line through it near the hook, then inserting the light stick into the tubing. The lights are activated by bending them until you crack a small container inside the stick. The chemicals then mix and begin to glow. They are harmless chemicals and non-polluting. And boy, do they catch flounder!

Using the same bait as the other 15 or so people fishing from the wall, we began to catch more than twice the flounder as everyone else there combined. In only 1½ hours of fishing we put 15 nice, fat flounder in the bucket for dinner, and saw only about six other fish taken besides ours. We go some looks of admiration and a few looks that said, "You catch one more fish before I do and I'm gonna throw you in!" It was not a great day for fishing as most found, but the Lunker Lights sure helped us up the odds. Since then, we have also found that the sticks work well on ling and whiting, especially on dark days and early or late in the day when the sun is low in the sky.

We also used a couple of other new wrinkles that day and for the rest of the fall that helped us up our score. To make feeling the flounder nibble the bait easier and to bring the number of fish hooked more into our favor, we have gotten away from the tackle most people use for flounder. No more boat rods and super heavy line and sinkers. No more old style flounder rigs with the venerable Chestertown style of long shank hooks, either.

Flounder are not heavy hitters when it comes to taking a clam or worm baited hook. When they are feeding strong on a good tide, they are not too hard to feel and hook, but most of the time they are feeding lightly or just "opportunity" feeding because an easy meal is close. That's when using more sensitive tackle pays off. I've been flounder fishing with graphite freshwater bass tackle for a couple of years now with good results. Pistol gripped, sensitive, light action rods with a baitcasting reel and 10 or 12 lb. test, tops. This past fall, I came upon a rod that is even better for this fishing and also doubles as a great bucktail rod for



fluke and weakfish. The Berkley Lightning Rod LB50 is a 5' 9'' straight butt rod that matches up with any baitcasting reel or very small saltwater conventional reel. It is extremely sensitive and light, but has the backbone to handle some 3 and 4 ounce sinkers, when the tide gets strong. It has a cork handle and butt and the cork extends under the reel's seat to help keep the hands just a little warmer.

The graphite rod makes light strikes feel like they're coming over telegraph. I'm sure there are similar models on the market from other manufacturers, but I found this one to be right for the job.

To up the percentage of fish hooked to bites felt, Bill began tying up flounder rigs with some special saltwater hooks from Tru-Turn, Inc. They are similar to the plastic worm hooks that have become so popular over years of use by bass fishermen, in that they have a specially bent shank. They are the 766 series (first mate) hooks, cadmium plated for saltwater use. They have a tight bend to the point, and a slightly shorter shank than the average flounder hook. We used the size 8's and had great success with hooking the bait stealers, even when they were hitting ever so lightly. We tied some special river rigs that eliminate spreaders, snaps, swivels and beads, and only utilize light leader material and the Lunker Lights as an attractor. The fish seemed less shy around these ''no hardware'' rigs armed with the smaller Tru-Turn hooks.

Tru-Turn hooks work on the principle that the bend in the hook causes it to turn up into the fish's jaw when the fish bites lightly on a bait. It works with bass and it works with the flounder.

In addition to the specially tied rigs, we have been avoiding using sinker heavier than needed to hold bottom. In fact, there have been days when we have caught more fish by having the rigs moving slowly but controllably with the current. Just a slight movement with the tide makes it cover a little bit of bottom, rather than just sitting in one place waiting for the fish to find it. Sinkers as light as 1 to 1½ ounces work best at light stages of the tide and let you feel the fish hit better. Only switch over to heavier sinkers when absolutely necessary.

Lastly, we tried a new chum product this fall, but the jury is still out on that one. It is called Chum-It and is a dry chum in pellet form. It is easy to use in the chum pot and both times we were out with the stuff, we had flounder right up around the boat. It slowly dissolves and lasts quite awhile in the water. It doesn't make a mess, doesn't require getting your hands all wet, and is readily available all winter long without having to keep it frozen. You only have to use what you need for the day and then just reseal the bucket. You might want to give it a try and see if it works for you.

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CUSTOM BUTT WRAPS: FOR THE BIRDS

by Ted Bingham

There are serious problems in writing a series such as this. Every time an example is started, dozens of new possibilities crop up. The result is an over-abundance of time spent attempting these ideas. The majority will not develop into anything, but the few that do are well worth the effort. With the amount of rod crafters experimenting, any newly discovered design is most likely already on a blank. The fact that it was developed without any outside help or guidance is such that the pride of your accomplishment won't be diminished.

All the design examples, past and future, have been around for quite some time. If you choose to take an overall view, combine specific traits of a particular few, and arrive at your own creations, all the better. Should you pattern your wraps directly after these examples, you'll still obtain an understanding of the techniques even if they're not put to use.

The first example covered this week will be the the Thunder Bird. As with most combination patterns, there is a heavy emphasis on the split diamond in order to form the different parts of the design. The most sensible description of this wrap, is with the aid of photos. Rather than thread, tape will be used, as better detail is available. Since this design is almost always complimented with a closed wrap, there will be no surprises caused by the unseen thread bands leading to the bird. The pattern is comprised of three separate layouts and, as usual, the colors and spacing are arbitrary.

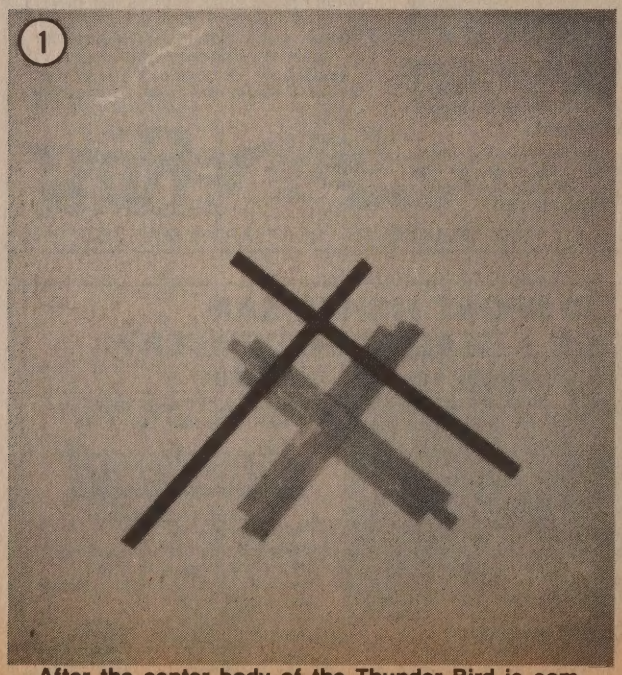
Photo One: The first step, after the layout, is to form a yellow diamond consisting of a total of three threads. This will be the center of the bird's body. It also has a few other attributes. It supplies a filler for the inner body as well as a termination point for inward wrapped threads. Finally, the two other layouts will use it as an alignment guide. Should the underwrap or blank be appropriate in color, this step can be eliminated. This, howver, is not usually the case so we'll use it to give a uniform body color.

Photo Two: The second layout cross is now placed 5 thread widths above the diamond. Two colors are required. The bottom, or inside nearest the diamond, will be yellow. Above, and to the outside, place the black cross which will develop into the background. The wrapping sequence is now: one pass yellow at the bottom of the cross; one pass black at the top of the cross. Repeat this sequence until this layout touches the original diamond. The yellow bottom of the split diamond will now touch the center, forming both the body and head of the bird.

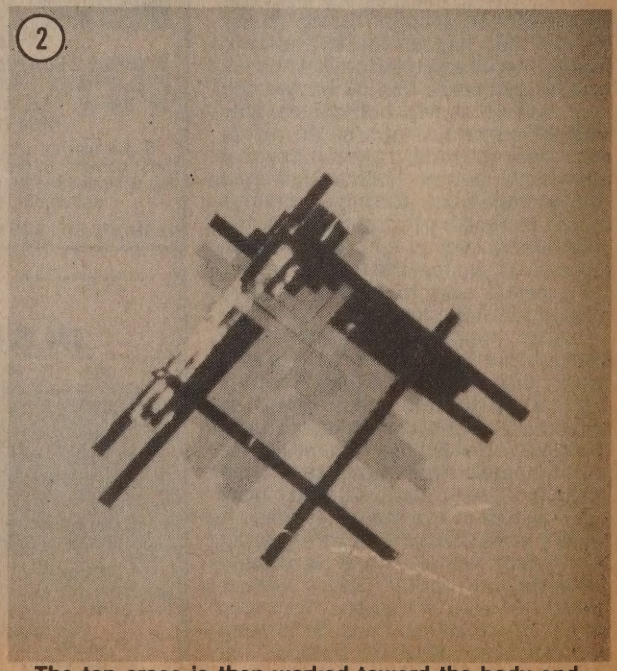
Photo Three: With the first two layouts complete, add a lower cross, six thread widths below the center diamond. Again, the black is placed to the outside and the yellow inside, toward the center. This will form the tail and wings. The wrapping order must change in order for the wings to slant upward toward the head. To accomplish this both black halves of the split diamonds must be wrapped simultaneously with the bottom yellow. Therefore, the order is as follows:

Bottom split diamond—black, outward; Top split diamond—black, outward.; Bottom split diamond—yellow, inward.

Repeat the steps, in order, until the point of the lower wrap touches the



After the center body of the Thunder Bird is complete, an upper cross thread is placed.



The top cross is then worked toward the body and then a lower cross is laid.

body of the bird. Completely closing the pattern, by resuming the border wrap, will finish the design (Photo Four).

The addition of chevron trim in the background, can have an extraordinary effect. This combined with color and shape changes can also enhance the pattern. Another variation would be to step the wings. This is accomplished by using bands of two or more black threads, in lieu of one, in the last step. In this instance a plus one wrap is not used because it curves both tail and wings in an unpleasing manner, and as such, changes the entire complexion of the design. The final change uses strategically placed pieces of mylar, or mylar thread. Combined with non-NCP thread this can vividly accent all or any part of the bird.

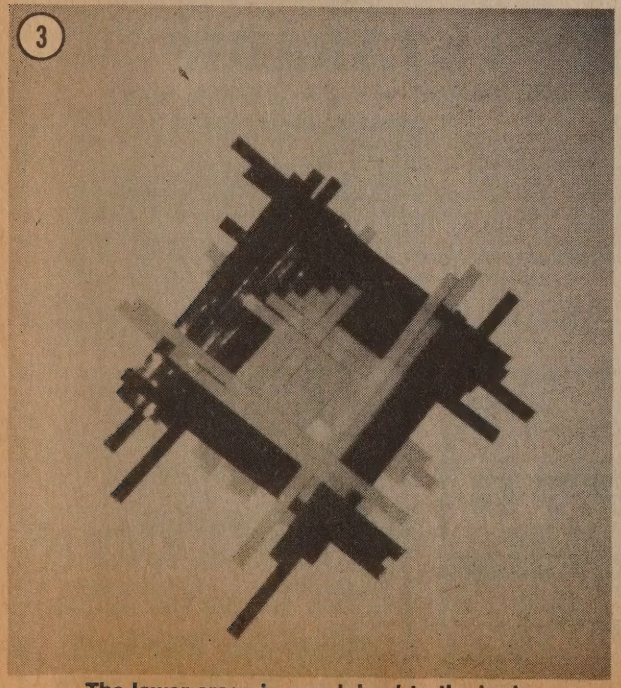
The next pattern on the agenda is called a Reversed diamond. Like most of the patterns, it begins with a box. After reviewing the format you'll notice it's almost identical to the Rebel Flag. This pattern, however, is primarily designed to be an open wrap. Therefore, there are no simultaneous outward wrappings. Start by spiraling a pair of layout threads, parallel to each other, so their crossing sections form a small box. The wrapping sequence is to wrap inward, one thread at a time, covering all four sides of the box. Using the same color, continue working toward the center. When the pattern is almost closed, switch to a contrasting color and close the design completely. This different color, on the last few threads, is what causes the cross in the center to stand out against the solid background. It's a design with an intriguing appearance for such a simple pattern. Anyone unfamiliar with its formation can spend hours figuring it out.

With the easy material out of the way, let's get back to some combination patterns. The next lagniappe is one of those patterns I developed on my own. Later, I found it described in a book with a copyright date from before I knew what a fishing rod was. So much for my discovery.

Many years ago I was requested to make an Irish rod. After a few samples were viewed a decision was made. The Irish flag was to cover the guide wrappings and a shamrock was chosen for the butt wrap. The fact that the shamrock had four leaves didn't seem to matter. Start the project with a small green diamond. Again, this is just a center filler that we'll work towards. Form a double box around the diamond using green on the inside. Outside, use a light color. From this point on the sequence is: light thread out, and the green in, plus one. Like the Maltese Cross, the spacing between the leaves will depend upon the size of the center diamond. Notice the similarity between this pattern and a circle. The only change is the addition of a center diamond. Eliminate, or wrap over the diamond and a circle appears. Another variation also requires the layout to be formed without the center diamond. This time, change the last few threads to a contrasting color before closing the pattern. The result is four cone or pie slice shapes separated by a reversed diamond cross.

A new and improved version of the four leaf clover requires slightly more work. Instead of a center diamond only use a green cross thread. Form the same double box around it using green inside and light outside. The sequence is now: inner green box, in, plus one; green cross thread, out, plus one (all 4 sides); light outer box, out. Following this order, four rounded leaves are formed. All the leaves touch so there is no gap between them, as in the original. As you can see, simple subtle changes can reveal entirely new designs.

These patterns and all the others, are just samplings of the thousands that have been tried. There is an even greater number yet to be tested. I've never figured the amount of available combinations, but the tally would be significant. For example, consider the clover. The building blocks are a center cross with in and out boxes. Plus one can be used on any or all the sequences. There's also no set rule stating it couldn't be initiated in mid wrap. Team this with multi box designs, shape and color changes, and the combinations become astonishing. Some patterns call for an inner, outer and middle box, with each being wrapped in a different direction. If you really want to have fun, try these wraps on double axes. Using close spacing, the two designs will merge, and who knows what will result. A similar occurrence happens when two standard diamonds are wrapped side by side. Close spacing and shifting between patterns results in four diamonds around the cross of a reversed diamond. New designs are there for the taking. Practice, experimenting and a complete understanding of both plus one and box patterns are all the necessary tools. I hope some of the ideas set forth will expand your conception of butt wrapping. There is certainly an endless expanse to venture into. This will close the section on butt wrapping. However, the best is yet to come. Next week we dive into another type of thread art. Although it is completely different, weaving definitely has a place in custom craftsmanship.



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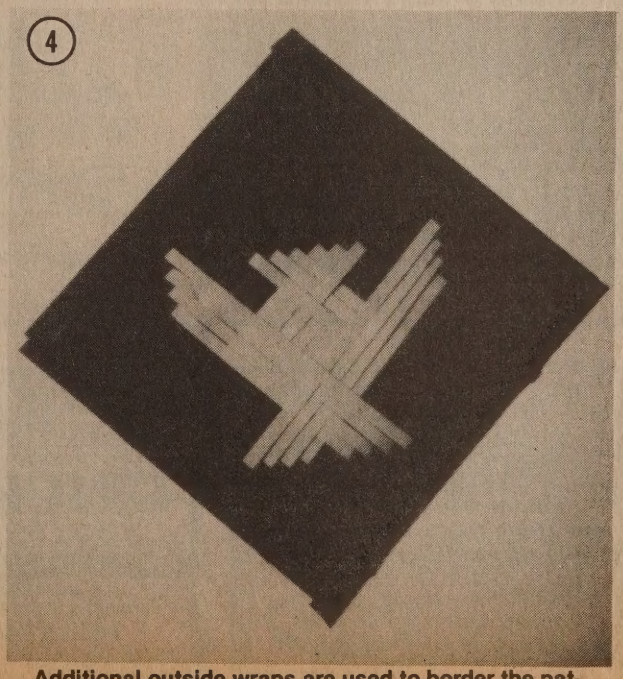

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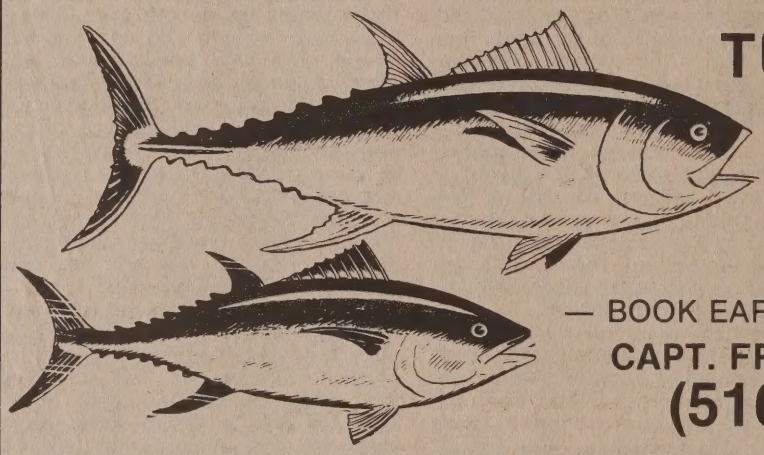

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

After lying dormant for much of the past two months, the Island's eastern reaches showed signs of coming out of its winter slumber this past week. The **Viking Starship** departed for George's Bank on Friday night with a full complement of cod hopefuls. She was due back in port late Sunday night. Also, look for some of the Point's charter boat skippers to make their first trips of the season in the weeks ahead. Cod will be the prime target through March.

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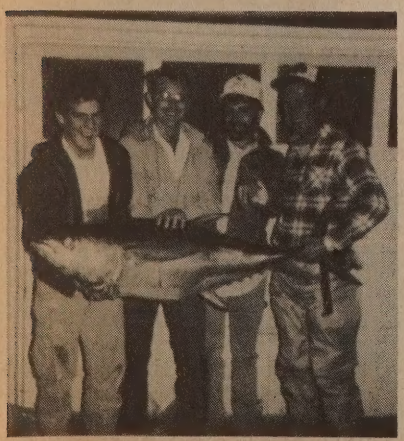
Among the skippers gearing up for early spring fishing at the Point are the Potts brothers and their **Blue Fins I** and **IV**; Captain John DeMaio, **Vivienne**; Captain Jack Passie, **Windy** and the **King Wayne.**

For those of you yearning to load up on cod, Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** advises that the best place to do it is from the deck of his **Viking Starship.** On the special offshore cod and pollock wreck trip made over this last weekend, the skipper said that 1100 mixed cod, pollock and haddock were caught by fares, fish going to 44 lbs. Pool fish was a 44 lb. cod which sampled the clam bait offered by Ron Miranda of Huntington. The boat returned to the dock Sunday night after the two day trip, having had nice but cold weather producing a lot of fish. The next trip



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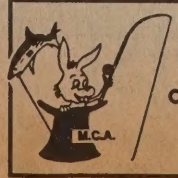

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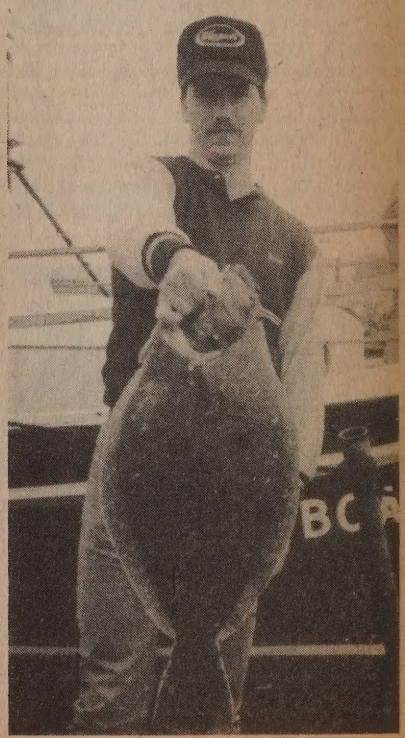

Fisherman subscriber Dan Bergin decked this hefty 7½ lb. fluke aboard the "BoAnne II" while fishing North Fork waters last summer.

This 9¾ lb. blackfish was taken from an ocean wreck back on January 6 by Norbert Freitag. The Long Beach angler did his fishing aboard the Captree open boat, "Capt. Scotty 3."

being held will be March 6 and the skipper said there are still spots available but reserve ASAP. See ad for details.

SOUTH FORK

A few anglers beginning to probe the banks of the Shinnecock Canal with the nice weather over the weekend. Look for some flatties to be taken here over the course of the next week if the weatherman is at all cooperative. **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton can usually provide you with an update concerning the latest activity in the Canal. Give Thom a call at (516) 283-9870.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The weekend's springlike weather warmed the hearts of the flounder faithful in these parts. It was a convincing reminder that another flatfish season is close at hand in the South Shore bays.

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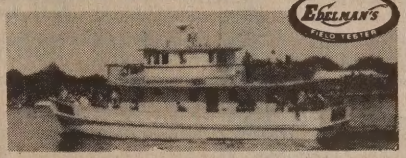

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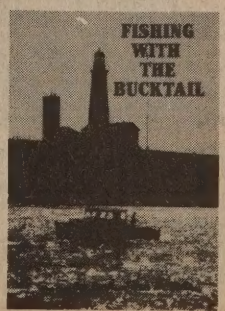

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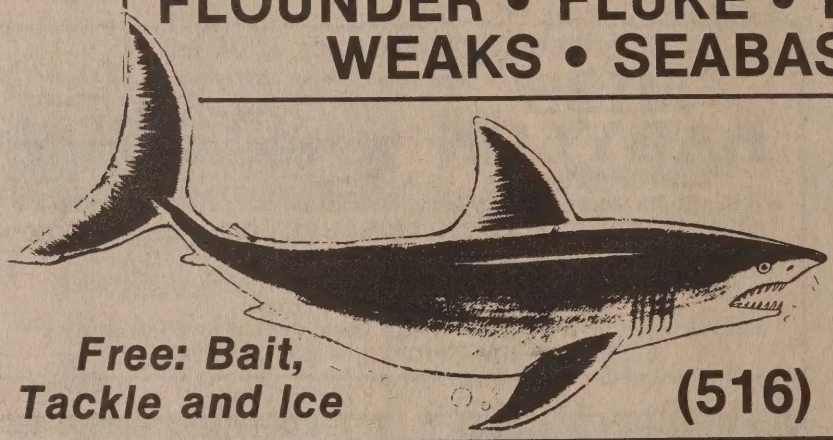

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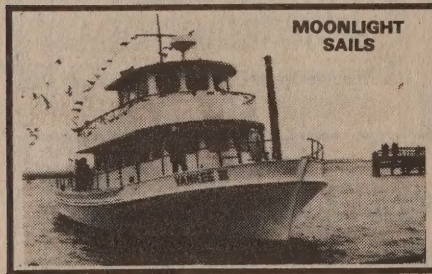

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up a flounder dinner on the weekend, but the deep freeze that preceded the weekend probably hurt their chances. Due to boat show commitments, we were unable to do our usual round of probing.

Cod continue to be a possibility for the faithful with some decent days mixed among the tough ones.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Look for the first worthwhile catches of flounder to be made in the Quogue Canal this coming week, providing temperatures remain moderate. We have traditionally done well here during the waning days of February. If acquiring bait (worms/mussels) is a problem, you can't go wrong with fresh clams, skimmers or chowders, for bait and chum.

Rumors from several sources of some good cod catches made out of Moriches Inlet by a setliner. No word on any rod and reel activity in this area, however.

Fishing aboard the **Alma** this weekend 10 cod were taken in just 2½ hours of effort, fish from rats to 17½ pounds. Best was in 106 feet of water. This was on a shakedown run, preparing the boat for its upcoming flounder season. Lorry Mangan of our LIF Fishing Report staff bagged the 17½ pounder.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Cod continue to be a possibility for anglers in this area with both the **Capt. Scotty 3** and the **Capt.Joseph II** sailing daily at 6AM out of Captree.

Captain Carl Passaro of the **Miss Captree** called to say he will be starting flounder fishing Friday, March 6th at 8AM, sailing full day trips. He spoke of very cold water temps over the weekend, noting that 38 or 39 degrees is usually the magic mark for flatties at the start of the spring

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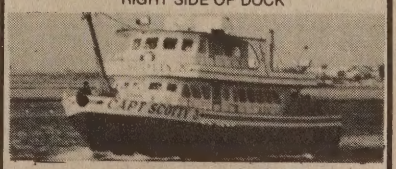

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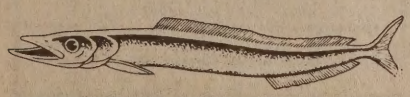

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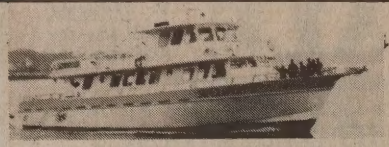

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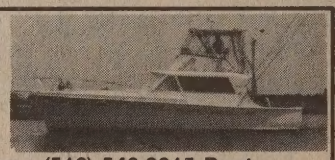

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Lloyd Wright of Wantagh shows his first striper ever, just prior to release. It was caught last fall on a jig, off of Jones Beach. Photo courtesy of Causeway Bait and Tackle.

season. Carl had also heard scattered reports of flounder taken by clammers and a few early season sharpies.

A call from Captain George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** told of Monday and Tuesday not being able to sail due to the cold weather. Wednesday's fares had about 45 cod and Thursday's score was roughly 75 cod in the 2 to 3 lbs. range with the pool fish a 5 pounder. Action was a lot further offshore Friday through Sunday with bigger fish taken. Friday's total was roughly 60 cod to 18 lbs. On Sunday, customers hoisted 28 cod, mostly 17 to 30 pounders, while on Sunday approximately 30 fish came over the rail, half 2 to 3 pounders and half 17 to 32 pounders. All action has been on wrecks. George noted that the boat cod derby is over $950.

A call came in from Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **captain Joseph II** telling of winding up the cod season with a flourish. Saturday's trip for 15 men resulted in 30 cod 2 to 8 pounds. Hitting wrecks further offshore Sunday, 25 fares hoisted roughly 60 cod plus a few pollock. High hook with 13 cod, four of which went over 30 lbs., was Jeff Breslow of Bayside. Pool fish was a 43 pounder caught by Pat O'Connor of the Bronx, with Pat taking 3 other fish besides. Generally, fish ran from 4 to 10 lbs. and others 15 to 40 lbs. The boat will begin flounder fishing February 28th.

For flounder fans, a week of mild weather (the forecast calls for temperatures in the 40s) should see the first decent flounder catches made during the first week of March. As usual, this early fishing is heavily

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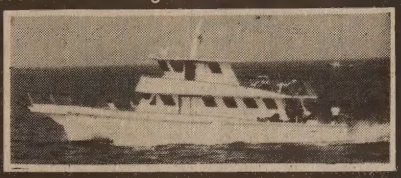

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influenced by the weather, but keep in mind, some of my best flounder scores (and most of my biggest flatties) have been made during the first couple of weeks of March. This early fishing can easily fluctuate by a week or two depending on the weather, but barring any severe cold snaps, the first or second week of the month are looking pretty good right now.

Fresh clam (bait and chum) is my favorite in the early going and stirring the bottom will make a significant difference in your results. I think you'll find too, that the larger flatties will show a preference for clam baits in this area during the early going.

Best bet for finding these early fish are some of the dpper holes on the north side of the bay, particularly off of East Islip, Islip and Bay Shore, as well as some of the same deep holes in the State Channel (between Babylon and Amityville) that produced right up through December of last year.

For those dependent upon party boats for their floundering, much of the Captree, Bay Shore and Babylon open boat fleet should be on the flatfish chase by mid-month. A few will probably make their maiden voyage of the new season on the weekend of March 7/8. If you have never sampled this early fishing, give it a try. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

For those of you not quite ready to don watch caps and gloves for their fishing, there are a couple of indoor events that should get you through the remainder of the "off season." The region's largest sportsman's show will be camped at Rockland Community College in Suffern, NY through Sunday, March 1st. For more details on the World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition, see the Pass It On section in the front of this week's issue.

Closer to home, **Shane's Marine** will be hosting their free Electronics, Safety and Weather Seminar under the tent at their Babylon store on Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th. Featured speakers include

Alfred and Jeff Bilodeau with some of the many blues they caught during a trip to Cholera this summer.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	6:15	6:45	7:05	7:30	6:50	7:20	7:40	8:10	10:05	10:40	9:35	10:05	6:05	6:30	2/26
FRI.	7:05	7:30	8:00	8:20	7:40	8:10	8:35	9:00	11:00	11:25	10:30	10:55	6:55	7:20	2/27
SAT.	7:55	8:15	8:45	9:05	8:30	8:55	9:20	9:45	11:45	—	11:20	11:40	7:45	8:05	2/28
SUN.	8:35	9:00	9:30	9:50	9:15	9:45	10:10	10:30	12:10	12:30	—	12:05	8:30	8:50	3/1
MON.	9:20	9:45	10:10	10:35	10:00	10:30	10:55	11:20	12:55	1:15	12:25	12:50	9:15	9:35	3/2
TUES.	10:05	10:25	10:55	11:20	10:50	11:15	11:45	—	1:30	2:00	1:10	1:35	9:55	10:20	3/3
WED.	10:50	11:10	11:40	—	11:35	—	12:10	12:30	2:15	2:45	2:00	2:25	10:40	11:10	3/4
THURS.	11:35	11:55	12:05	12:25	12:05	12:25	12:55	1:25	3:00	3:35	2:45	3:15	11:30	11:55	3/5

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	2/26	6:41	5:46
FRI.	2/27	6:39	5:47
SAT.	2/28	6:37	5:48
SUN.	3/1	6:35	5:49
MON.	3/2	6:34	5:50
TUE.	3/3	6:32	5:51
WED.	3/4	6:30	5:52

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	2/26	6:05AM	4:05PM
FRI.	2/27	6:35AM	5:25PM
SAT.	2/28	7:00AM	6:40PM
SUN.	3/1	7:25AM	7:50PM
MON.	3/2	7:45AM	9:00PM
TUE.	3/3	8:10AM	10:10PM
WED.	3/4	8:35AM	11:15PM

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2/28	3/7	3/15	3/22

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:20	9:30	3:40	10:00
Fri.	4:15	10:20	4:30	10:50
Sat.	5:05	11:10	5:20	11:35
Sun.	5:50	—	6:20	12:05
Mon.	6:40	12:30	7:10	12:55
Tues.	7:30	1:20	7:55	1:40
Wed.	8:20	2:10	8:45	2:30
Thurs.	9:10	3:00	9:40	3:25

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West End REPORT
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The only game in town naturally has been cod, which have been a fair pick whenever the party boats can get out. Biggest fish of the week was taken from a private boat but without too many details.

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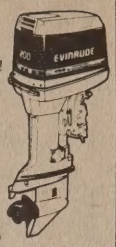

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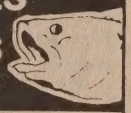

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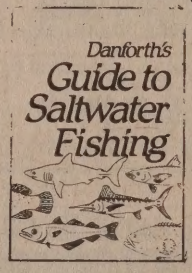

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Captain Butch filling in for skipper Al Lindroth on the **Captain Al** said he's been finding decent codding with bigger catches seeming to be made on alternating days. Fish have been generally running small, mostly 2 to 5 pounders, all on wrecks. Fares had 25 on Monday, about 15 on Tuesday, about 30 Wednesday. Hot day was Saturday with 60 fish and then roughly 30 cod on Sunday. Butch knew about a 60 pound cod taken aboard a private boat Sunday out of Jones, but he did not know of any names or details of the catch other than the weight.

A call came in from Captain Dennis of the charterboat **Marie III** out of Point Lookout advising that Steve Kearney, Jr., mate on the Marie III, now has his captain's license and will be assisting in running the boat. Steve has been with Dennis for a long time and apparently has picked up a vast amount of knowledge. The skipper says he has weekend dates going very quickly, so call as soon as possible before these weekends are all gone.

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Some nice trout continue to be culled from Connetquot State Park with deeply worked nymphs and streamers still the ticket. One angler reported taking a hefty 5 lb. brown from the park last week. Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek continue to host plenty of small trout with a fair number of 12 to 16 inchers sprinkled in. Both bodies of water received a heavy play from local youngsters out on winter recess this past week.

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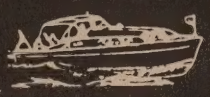
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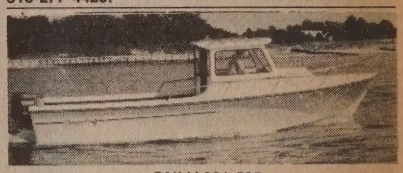

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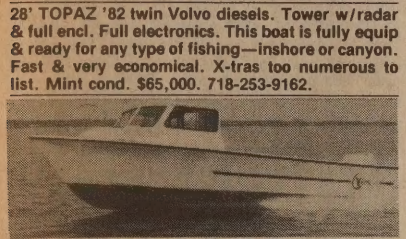

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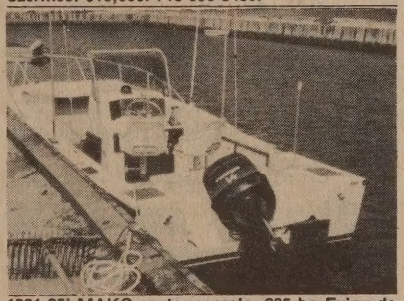

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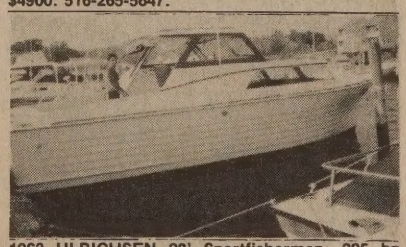

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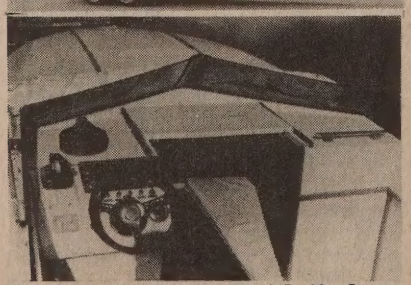

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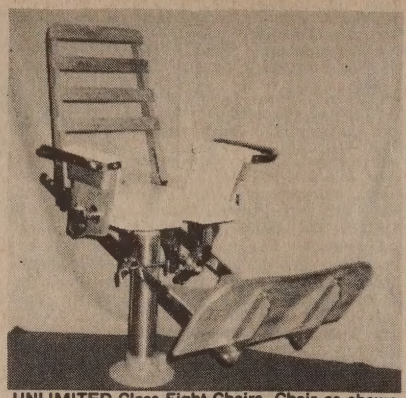

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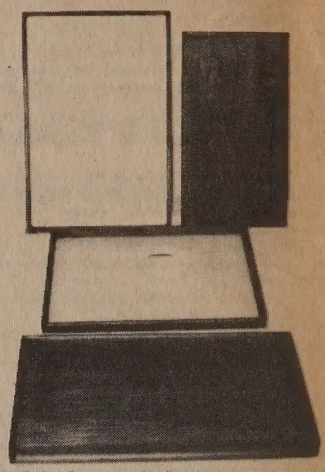

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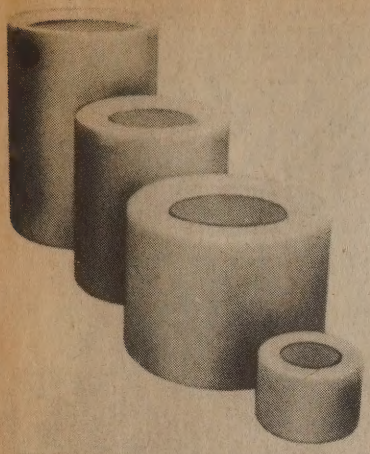

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